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Voters to decide on RUSD bond measure

Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — Voters will go to the polls next Tuesday to say yes or no to a \$31.6 million bond measure to bring Albany schools up to health, safety and seismic standards, rehabilitate old buildings and provide new classrooms for the growing school population.

A 30-member Facilities Study Committee did a hands-on assessment of school needs over the past seven years and passed their find-

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go on to a Facilities Funding Committee who determined specific projects for the elementary, middle and high schools and the funding required.

The committee's final recommendations are now in the hands of the School Board. If the measure passes — it requires approval by two-thirds of the voters — the board will authorize sale of the first bond issue, currently estimated at \$11 million, to begin work on smaller projects this summer, according to supporters.

Projects resulting in major configuration of buildings require approval by state architects.

The bonds, all with a 25-year maturity, will be sold over an 18-year period and be paid off in 43 years. The required maximum annual sale is an estimated \$5 million (2 percent of the city's total assessed property valuation).

Homeowners will pay the school based on the assessed value of their property at a rate determined by the amount of bonds issued. Though the schedule of bond sales tentative as yet, school officials estimate the rate at 3.42 cents per \$100 assessed value after issuance of the first bond series and 12.88 cents in 2011/12.

The highest rate is estimated at 13 cents in 1999/00 and the 18-year average rate at 8.8 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Sixty percent of Albany's 4,000 homes are assessed at \$100,000 or less, 287 of those at \$25,000 or less. A home assessed at \$50,000 will pay an average of \$44 per year over the 43 years. The same homeowner will pay \$17 after the first bond sale, \$115 during the last bond sale, and \$64 after the last series of bonds are sold, if estimates are correct.



El Cerrito High student Crystal Lewis is one of many who will miss her lunchtime freedom

El Cerrito High students lose lunchtime freedom next week

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — It's a familiar sight at lunchtime — small groups of students lined up at the doors of 7-Eleven and other local food outlets during the high school lunch hour. It's been going on for years.

But all that's going to end next Wednesday. The ECHS campus will institute a closed campus policy during the noon hour after years of an open campus policy.

The decision was not the school's to make. After shootings at Richmond High School and Pinole Valley High some months ago, Superintendent Herb Cole decided that the only way to protect students all over the district was to institute a district-wide closed campus policy. The board of education concurred, though many students do not.

"We think it's a terrible wrong," said freshman Crystal Lewis, who enjoys walking off campus with her friends to eat and socialize — and to escape any difficult situations.

"We think it's going to mean more violence, with everyone crowded in, packed in together. There'll be more arguments with everybody together. The way things are now, if things get to be a problem, you can just walk away."

The expectation of more violence seems to be a common one among students. El Cerrito has not had a history of violence; they hope that doesn't change with the new policy meant to protect students from outsiders.

"There hasn't been any violence, but

it's going to mean more violence, more fights," said one. Another comment: "Especially when it's too hot, everybody's going to get pretty grouchy."

There are more practical concerns as well: Lewis and her friends think lunch will be almost over by the time they get through crowded lunch lines. And Hashina Dixon doesn't understand why all this has to happen just as she's made it up to high school.

But older students may feel the other side of the issue — the removal of long-held freedoms just as they're almost old enough to be out on their own anyway.

Like some students already in established groups that meet at lunchtime — for music, forensics or drama, Bridget Watson does not often leave campus, so it's not a particular problem for her personally. She just thinks it's a terribly impractical idea.

Watson seems more concerned about another policy instituted by Principal Paul

Daniels several weeks ago in connection with the upcoming closure. "Hall sweeps" have begun, with adult officials looking for tardy students. And to ensure no tardiness after the lunch period, classroom doors are locked immediately when the bell rings.

For the first 15 minutes of class, no one can be out in the halls for any reason.

One of those first days, Watson and a friend were late for class — they had been at a drama rehearsal and were on the stairs right next to the classroom when the bell rang. They saw the door being locked.

"We don't want to get the teacher in trouble, but she did let us in when we knocked," Watson said. Her friend had started talking to the teacher about why students were being deprived of their education for the time it would take to go to the cafeteria for a detention slip.

For Watson, the whole situation, from closure to lockouts, "seems kind of silly."

"It all seems like this kind of higher

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Vote scheduled on RUSD surplus property

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Assembly Bill 535, the 1993 version of Assemblyman Tom Bates' plan to allow sale revenues of surplus school properties to be applied to the school district's debts, will come up for a vote in the Assembly Education Committee next Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

Rachel Richmon, spokesperson for Bates, said Tuesday that Bates had asked

for some rule waivers to help the bill move as quickly as possible through the legislative process.

Since it is an urgency bill, she said, it would go into effect immediately once it has passed through the legislature and been signed by the governor.

At that time, negotiations can begin for the sale of 16 properties, including a parcel in Kensington that many residents would like to purchase as open space for the town.

Cable show airs election issue debate

Kosel hosts cable show

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Viewers of "Cross Talk," a local issues program hosted by El Cerrito city council member Cathie Kosel, can hear a discussion tonight concerning next week's special election in El Cerrito.

Kosel invited two members of the Friends of El Cerrito, Gina Brusatori and Bill Cummerford, to discuss the March 2 ballot measures on the program which airs tonight and Sunday on government-access Channel 8.

Brusatori and Cummerford addressed each of the four measures.

Measure H is a special tax for fire services; it will cost single family homeowners \$57 for four years.

The money is designated to hire two firefighters, to fund a new equipment fund that will enable the department to purchase a new replacement fire engine in the next four years, and to continue and increase the fire hazard reduction effort started last summer.

In justifying the need for the tax, Cummerford said that a major firestorm started on the hill would be virtually impossible to stop. Hazard abatements, he said, would include the widening and improvement of fire roads, as well as the removal of fuel load, including hazardous brush like Scotch broom, poison oak, dead leaves and needles.

But Brusatori added that fire was not the only issue.

Two-thirds of the department's calls are actually made in response to medical emergencies, she said. Rather than being dependent on overtime workers, she said, the hiring of two firefighters (to bring the personnel total up to prior levels), would mean sending "fresh and alert firefighters to calls."

According to Cummerford, the department made

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Sign vandalism condemned by citizen group

By Dawn Frasier

The El Cerrito Citizens' Alliance has denied any involvement in the recent vandalism of political signs around town which support a Yes vote on four March 2 ballot measures.

While the group has written arguments against three of the measures — an argument against a storm drain tax was retracted — coordinator Beverly Gent said that if the act was a political one and not just teenage vandalism, it was a cowardly one.

The group issued an official statement concerning the Feb. 14 incident following an article in last week's Journal. The statement's purpose, said Gent, is to show support for the Friends of El Cerrito, who support the measures, as fellow El Cerritans.

"The El Cerrito Citizens' Alliance joins with the Friends of El Cerrito and all proponents of the March 2nd tax measures in expressing its sorrow and outrage over the defacement of political signs posted throughout El Cerrito," the statement reads.

"We agree that such vandalism is illegal, cowardly, unacceptable and worthy of prosecution. We sincerely hope the culprit(s) guilty of such action will be apprehended and punished."

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Planned residential development likely for lumberyard site

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — One of the city's largest single pieces of developable land will soon go back on the market following an 18-month hiatus.

Up for sale in 1991 for \$3.9 million, the Hill Lumber Company took time out to remove underground oil tanks discovered on the four-and-a-half acre site on Brighton Avenue.

"We now have a clean bill of health," said Realtor Jerome Blank, agent for the Hill property. "We hope to go to market in the very near future." The new asking price will probably not be the same as in 1991, according to Blank.

A planned community of residential units will be built on the site

when the right developer comes forward, according to Blank and owner Ralph Hill. The site on Brighton Avenue near the BART tracks is zoned for a maximum of 156 units.

"The Hill people and I will take our time to find a developer with extensive experience in urban housing," Blank said.

"We intend to build beautiful houses that fit into the neighborhood, not barracks."

The developer will also need to be able to find "innovative ways to include low-income housing" in the project, Blank said.

State law requires the city to meet an area-wide share of very low, low and moderate income housing in an formula determined

by the Association of Bay Area Governments.

With "inclusionary" requirements for the Hill property set at 15 percent of the units built, higher priced homes may need to balance out others which will have to be sold at less than the cost to build them.

In December a proposal by Councilmember Robert Good to increase the share of the city's low-income housing requirements for "housing projects of ten or more units" received no support from other council members.

Blank said negotiations continue between Hill Lumber and the city to exchange land, allowing the city to expand the corporation yard and move it near to the

BART tracks.

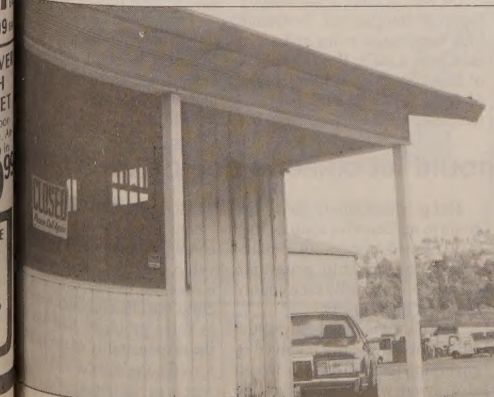
At present the corporation yard is next to Cougar Field and, if not moved, would be in the middle of any new residential development.

Ralph Hill recalled when a person could look south from the Hill Lumber Company and see nothing but green fields all the way to Solano Avenue.

"And now it's time for me to take it easy and smell the flowers," he said.

The Hill Lumber Company began in 1905 when Hill's father, Albert, was a salesman for the Stege Lumber Company in Richmond.

When Stege went bankrupt, Albert Hill paid off the company's debts and, in 1922, moved the company to Albany.



Former site of Hill Lumber will again be up for sale

Letters to the Editor

Pass Measure A

Editor:

One of the many reasons that families move to Albany is because of our fine schools. On Tuesday, March 2, Albany voters will be asked to vote on Measure A. As a longtime Albany resident, I will be voting Yes for Measure A. I urge all concerned voters to get out and vote Yes for Measure A so that our children can remain competitive in the 1990s and beyond.

Bruce Barrows

Vote against vandals

Editor:

The sign in front of our house was used to accompany an article about the measures on the ballot in the Feb. 11 edition of the Journal. Since your article was published, my sign and many more in El Cerrito were defaced (sometime over the weekend).

It is a sad day for El Cerrito politics when those opposing the measures have to resort to such mean spirited actions. We urge our fellow citizens to vote Yes on Measures H, J, K, and L. In so doing they will send a loud message to those who are in opposition that their tactics didn't work.

Kathleen and Kenneth Berner

Two-thirds majority needed

Editor:

On March 2 the voters of Albany will have an opportunity to express their appreciation for our fine schools in a way that truly counts. The bond issue before us will allow the district to modernize and seismically strengthen the oldest buildings in the district and to construct new classrooms to serve our growing families.

I have little doubt that more than a majority of our voters support the schools and will vote for the bonds. However, whether we like it or not, a supermajority of 66.67 percent approval is required. Each vote of approval only counts for 2/3 of a vote and each No vote needs two Yeses to cancel it out. It is imperative that every eligible voter who recognize the importance of education and schools vote — and vote Yes! Because, remember, the other voter's vote may be twice as strong as yours!

Douglas Donaldson

Time for improvements

Editor:

A school that can offer a stimulating physical and academic environment can create a nurturing setting for a young person to gain knowledge and self esteem, two significant attributes to a productive and successful life.

I was fortunate enough to attend and complete a rewarding experience through our Albany school system, but that occurred over 26 years ago. Age of the school structures and dramatic leaps in technology, without available structures to acquire this needed technology and appropriate physical improvements, have compromised the ability of the system to produce optimum results for our youths.

On March 2 we have the option of committing to create the type of academic environments needed for our young people or allowing further erosion of existing facilities. The school-age population of Albany has been steadily increasing. We must ensure that the young people residing in this community have the best possible advantage in acquiring skills and abilities to effectively make decisions throughout their life.

Please vote Yes on Measure A and offer a bright future for our young residents.

Larry Murdo

We all should vote

Editor:

On March 2 Albany folks have an opportunity to reinforce the tradition of Albany as a family town devoted to giving our children the best possible education.

The pioneer of refugees from the 1906 S.F. earthquake wasted little time in establishing a school in Miller's Barn. Since that time the citizens have been careful to maintain a high standard for the schools. However the local control of school funds was shifted to Sacramento by Prop. 13 and a

questionable lottery.

Fortunately we still have the power to provide the necessary funds to upgrade old buildings and provide modern equipment for our schools. However success requires a two-thirds favorable vote. Each one of us has a responsibility to make certain that enough favorable votes are cast to maintain our very fine school system.

Catherine J. Webb

School environment counts

Editor:

Writing a letter to the editor does not come under the heading of "fun things to do today at our house," but the topic is important enough to warrant the effort. The school bond issue which is on the ballot of Tuesday, March 2, is so critical to Albany's future that we feel it needs to be addressed. If you drive around town, you can't help but notice all the painting, roofing, and remodeling going on in so many of our homes. It is being done by people who are choosing to fix up rather than move out to other areas, and our school system here plays a big part in their decision so we improve our homes for our children to have a safe, warm place to live should we ask less for their time spent at school? We believe the time spent there is so important in their lives that the environment should be an extension of their homes.

We are therefore supporting the bond issue which will allow necessary repairs, upgrading and expansion to be done to accommodate our ever-increasing number of students. Sure it's expensive, but the quality of education in our schools has a direct bearing on the value of our property; and an investment in our children's future cannot be measured in dollars and cents. Future residents of this city will be grateful that we had the foresight to see to it that our school buildings were kept up and maintained so that the next generations will be as proud to live in Albany as we are.

John and Agnes Mullarkey

LWV says Yes

Editor:

The League of Women Voters Richmond Area supports the four March 2 El Cerrito ballot measures. League positions on which this support is based are:

- 1) Government should have adequate financing to carry out its responsibilities.
- 2) Property taxes should be used primarily for those services directly related to property, such as police and fire protection and sewerage.
- 3) There should be effective citizen participation in establishing priorities for services provided by government agencies. The four measures are designed to cover only the most basic needs revealed in a two-year study by committees of El Cerrito citizens. The measures will help ensure property values in the city, and prevent the drain of law suits over collapsing storm drains. The city has no outstanding bonded indebtedness.

We urge a Yes vote on these measures on March 2.

Dorothy McMichael

Fine education tradition

Editor:

On Tuesday, March 2, Albany voters will be asked to vote for a series of general obligation bonds for repairs and improvements to the city's school buildings. The bonds will be issued over a period of 18 years.

Voters should know that since 1985 a series of citizens committees have studied school facilities. In 1991-92 the Facilities Funding Committee reviewed those studies and developed several alternatives for addressing safety problems, inadequate facilities, and the need for more classroom space. The Facilities Funding Committee then recommended to the School Board that a bond election be held.

Once the bonds are passed the School Board will continue the planning process to finalize the details of the projects and the priorities for construction. We will seek more input from citizens, staff, students, and building professionals. Our aim will be to meet the current and future needs of the District in the most cost effective way.

None of us enjoys asking for or paying higher taxes. But we simply must make this investment in our schools now. Over the long term it will cost us a

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Police Reports

Cars burgled after surrounding yard fence

By Dawn Frasier

ALBANY — Someone broke into Buehrer Inc. during the early morning hours of Feb. 14 after cutting the fence surrounding the rear yard. The burglar(s) pried open the rear doors of several vehicles, removing tool boxes and tools.

During the weekend of Feb. 16-19, someone entered the locked property of W.A. Craig Construction, breaking trailer windows and equipment lights and entering the tool trailer.

The person(s) who entered Mary and Joe's Sporting Goods during the night of Feb. 18 took some money from the safe.

A resident of the 900 block of Evelyn reported having gone to the apartment mailboxes at about 9:10 p.m. on Feb. 19 and being approached by two male suspects. The first suspect pointed a small handgun at the victim, demanding cash. The victim followed the suspects after they took his wallet; in pursuit, the first suspect shot at the victim, then entered an older silver vehicle, possibly a 1970s Toyota. The suspects were both described as black male adults in their 20s, between six-foot-one and six-foot-three, weighing between 160 and 180 pounds.

Two apartment garages in the 400 block of Stannage were entered during the night of Feb. 17. In one case, a flashlight and tape were stolen after a messy prowling; in the second, a radio was ripped from a car dash, and miscellaneous items were taken.

An unsuccessful attempt was

made to enter a third vehicle.

An unsuccessful residential burglary attempt was reported in the 600 block of Jackson Street on Feb. 18. The bottom of the door was pried open; evidently, the victim's dogs frightened the burglar away.

An Albany Middle School student reported being followed by a man in a car on Feb. 19, while she was walking in the area of Washington and Curtis.

An Albany juvenile was arrested on Feb. 21 for a no-bail warrant issued by the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

The Albany Fire Department was called to put out a vehicle fire at Buchanan and Cleveland at about 10:37 p.m. on Feb. 21.

Two vehicles were reported stolen: a 1987 Buick Century from the 1300 block of Marin (night of Feb. 16) and a 1985 Chevrolet S10 pickup from Golden Gate Fields (afternoon of Feb. 19).

Someone poured paint thinner on the trunk lid of a vehicle parked in the 1100 block of Marin Avenue. The incident was reported on Feb. 20.

A Berkeley man was arrested after parking his vehicle in a red zone in the 1000 block of Marin Avenue on the afternoon of Feb. 14. A warrant had been issued on the vehicle by the Oakland PD.

An Emeryville woman, stopped for a minor vehicle code violation was found to have an outstanding Berkeley PD warrant; a driver arrested by the UCPD at Castro and San Pablo Avenue was booked at the Albany PD after it was found

he had outstanding warrants both the Berkeley and Oakland police departments.

A Berkeley man was stopped a.m. on Feb. 16. An alarm sounded at Alex's Cafe, and he was in a vehicle thought to be involved. The man was found to have an outstanding \$5,000 warrant from Berkeley PD and a \$9,000 warrant from the UCPD.

A man was arrested after his vehicle was seen at Albany residence at 2:30 p.m. Feb. 19.

Non-injury traffic collisions were reported on: Solano and Pablo (El Cerrito/Albany) drivers Feb. 19; Hercules driver/pedestrian on Feb. 16; at Kains and Damara (two El Cerrito drivers on Feb. 16) and Marin at Peralta (Berkeley Richmond drivers, Feb. 16).

Three drivers—from Emeryville, Alameda and Oakland—were involved in a collision at San Pablo Avenue south of Washington on Feb. 15.

A tan Ford was seen leaving a hit-and-run accident at Santa Fe Solano on the afternoon of Feb. 16.

Recycling thefts were reported in the 800 block of Stannage, 1000 block of Peralta, and the block of Ventura. A Pinole man arrested in connection with Stannage theft; another arrested when the person stopped Peralta was found to have an outstanding BART PD warrant.

Two arrests were made driving under the influence.

Five vehicles were unlicensed; request; one vehicle had a baby

Afternoon robbery attempt fails to yield any cash

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — A transient man demanded money in an attempted robbery at Pizza Hut at about 4:24 p.m. on Feb. 12. The man simulated a weapon but did not obtain any cash.

Two male suspects simulated a weapon at the Bank of America ATM at 4:45 p.m. on Feb. 10. One suspect then took \$40 from the victim's account.

A Richmond adult and juvenile attempted to evade police riding a motorcycle at about 10:31 a.m. on Feb. 3. The two were detained after a collision at Wall and San Pablo avenues.

A male suspect displayed a completed withdrawal slip to a teller at Bank of the West before displaying a gun and making demands for cash. The robbery took place at about 1:32 p.m. Feb. 9.

Two men were arrested after flight from police. They hid in the

bushes after an attempted pedestrian stop. They were detained at Lincoln Avenue and Kearney Street at about 6 a.m. on Feb. 9.

Three vehicles were reported stolen: a 1990 Nissan Maxima from the 6600 block of Hagen Boulevard on Feb. 10, a 1977 Toyota Corolla from the 5200 block of Cypress Avenue on Feb. 11, and a 1987 Honda Prelude from the 300 block of Roman Avenue during the night of Feb. 6. All three vehicles were recovered.

There were several property attempts from vehicles reported.

During the night of Feb. 5, someone took license plates from a car in the 2700 block of Del Monte Avenue.

On Feb. 7, three vehicles were reported burglarized. Someone took sunglasses, coins and a gas card from a car in the 7200 block of Blake Street. In the 1700 block of Walnut Avenue, the burglar attempted to remove the stereo but

could not.

The would-be thief rifled the seat of a vehicle parked in the block of Lexington Avenue.

Miscellaneous property was taken from a car parked in a lot 10900 block of San Pablo Avenue during the night of Feb. 9. The night, \$3 worth of commodities were taken from a car in the block of Harper Street. The thief used a slim jim to enter the vehicle.

Robbery suspects were arrested on Wall Street by the Berkeley police after a pursuit on the afternoon of Feb. 11.

Two Vallejo men were arrested for possession of burglary tools after they were stopped for a vehicle code violation at San Pablo Avenue and Moeser at 3:30 a.m. on Feb. 10.

Shoplifters were arrested at Emporium (a Richmond woman, Berkeley woman), Long's (a Berkeley man, a Richmond woman) and Woolworth's (a San Francisco woman).

McPeak: Clinton should let citizens decide on spending

Contra Costa County Supervisor Sunne McPeak said that if President Clinton wants to cut government spending, he should let ordinary citizens decide where some of their tax dollars should go.

McPeak said she is urging Clinton, as well as Gov. Pete Wilson, to allow taxpayers to designate part of their income taxes to support local programs that are addressing high-priority problems in each region.

Her proposal would give a tax credit to residents for contributing to a limited number of public-private partnership programs deemed promising by each county Board of Supervisors.

The plan would not only allow citizens to be directly involved in governing themselves, but would also avoid what McPeak called the "friction loss" that results from sending money directly to Washington, D.C., or Sacramento.

McPeak said Clinton would "more bang for the buck" by encouraging local governments to develop working relationships with businesses, unions, churches, clubs and other private organizations to solve problems that are the responsibility of the public sector.

The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors endorsed McPeak's proposal two weeks ago.

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El Cerrito Newsline

By Eileen Duffy

On Tuesday, March 2, voters in El Cerrito will decide if El Cerrito should have a new hillside fire station. When the city attorney wrote his impartial analysis of this ballot measure, it was unclear where the fire station should be located.

Discussions taking place among west Contra Costa County fire chiefs about consolidating fire services prompted some concern that the hillside fire station should be located either further north or south on Arlington Boulevard.

The hillside station location issue has led to a number of questions that may be making it more difficult for you to make a decision on how to vote on Measure K. With help from Fire Chief Steve Cutright, I will make an attempt to clear up some of the confusion by answering some of the questions we have been hearing the past few weeks.

Q: If fire service consolidation takes place, do we need to replace the Arlington Fire Station? Couldn't the Kensington station provide protection for El Cerrito residents?

A: Yes, the Arlington station needs to be replaced, and no, the Kensington Station could not adequately serve El Cerrito residents.

Currently, the City of El Cerrito has a joint response agreement with the City of Richmond and the West Contra Costa and Kensington fire districts. Fire protection and prevention services have been consolidated already. The need for a fire station on Arlington Boulevard in El Cerrito would not change. Further consolidation may produce some administrative cost savings only.



The Kensington Station has a serious structural problem due to its location on the Hayward Fault. It, too, should be replaced in the near future. Any station this far south on Arlington Boulevard would not be able to respond quickly enough to an emergency on the northern end of El Cerrito and certainly not to East Richmond Heights, an area covered by the joint response agreement.

Q: If the Kensington Fire Station closes, shouldn't the hillside fire station be moved further south on Arlington Boulevard?

A: No. At one time, this idea was given consideration even to the point where two sites were considered (i.e., Arlington Park and the corner of Arlington Boulevard and Club View Drive).

The fire chiefs have held many discussions on the location of all the stations in the area, and they have decided the present location of the hillside fire station is the best site. Moving south to either the Park or Club View locations would slow the response to homes in the Barrett Avenue area in El Cerrito and to East Richmond Heights to an unacceptable level.

In addition, both the Park and Club View sites are located directly on the Hayward Fault. The Arlington Fire Station is near the fault, but not directly on it. Building directly on an earthquake fault is possible but is very expensive.

Q: If the Hayward Fault is such a problem, why not build the station somewhere else?

A: There are only two main streets—arterials—in El Cerrito that run from our northern border to our southern border: San Pablo Avenue and Arlington Boulevard. It is critical to have stations on both arterials. It takes too long for heavy fire trucks to go uphill from San Pablo Avenue to respond to emergencies in the hill areas. Arlington Boulevard is the only logical location for a hillside station.

I hope this information helps you to make an informed decision about Measure K.

Please be sure to vote on March 2!

Local finches succumb to parasites

Two Bay Area wildlife rehabilitation centers are concerned about diseases that are killing dozens of small yellow-streaked finches, birds that frequent backyard bird feeders.

A spokeswoman for the Lindsay Museum in Walnut Creek says that thousands of the pine siskens have died in Oregon, Washington and Vancouver, B.C.—and as far south as the San Francisco Bay area.

She said some of the healthier birds that have been brought to the museum have been sent to veterinarians for diagnosis. Mary Kmak, director of animal care at the Cali-

fornia Wildlife Center in San Rafael, said 15 to 20 finches were brought there during the month of January.

She said all of them tested positive for a protozoa parasite that causes trichomoniasis, which is contagious among birds but can be successfully treated if diagnosed early. The disease is most common in pigeons and doves.

In addition, Kmak said scientists have found that a high percentage of finches that died in Vancouver and Washington state tested positive for salmonella.

She said the two diseases fluctu-

ate in wildlife populations and are not uncommon.

Kmak said one possible reason for the Bay area finch deaths caused by trichomoniasis could be recent rains that soaked bird seed placed in feeders, which get dirty when they are wet.

She said one way to help prevent the spread of the disease is to clean out bird feeders after a rainfall.

"If you see a bird that looks lethargic or fluffed up or can't fly, bring it to a local wildlife center," Kmak said, adding that people should wash their hands after handling the sick finches.

Library room named for major benefactor

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY—To honor a major benefactor of the Albany Library, the City Council last week approved naming a program area of the new library the Edith Stone Room. Stone, who died in 1984 at 95, bequeathed her estate estimated at \$150,000 to the library, the largest gift in the history of the Alameda County Library.

"Many people feel the Library/Community Center project wouldn't have gotten off the ground without Edith Stone's contribution," said Recreation and Community Services director Bill Jones.

Initially recommended by the Friends of the Albany Library last fall, designation of the room was "enthusiastically endorsed" by the Park and Recreation Commission, Jones said. That a room be named after her was not a condition of Stone's will, he said.

"The bequest coalesced people's enthusiasm to support building the new library," said Albany head librarian Ronnie Davis. "It provided the seed money to get the project started." The Edith Stone Room will be the site of class visits, story hours and senior programs, she said.

Initial planning funded by the Stone inheritance led to receipt of a \$2.6 million state library construction grant and formation of the Albany Center Builders, a citizens group who subsequently exceeded their \$100,000 fundraising goal.

"I remember vividly Mrs. Stone coming into the library about every day in her camel coat and floppy hat," David said. "We were on her walking tour route. It was a complete surprise, a very touching gift."

Born in 1888 in Boston, Edith Stone lived in Albany in the 20's. She moved east to Connecticut with her husband, William, who died in 1931. The Stones had no

children. Stone returned to her home on Pomona Avenue in the 60s and worked as office manager for a San Francisco publishing house until she was in her 80s.

An avid reader and bookshelf browser, Stone took a daily five-mile walk around town with the Albany Library on an itinerary that often included Walker's Pie Shop, Ortmann's for ice cream and extended to the North Berkeley branch of that city's library.

After a six-week confinement resulting from a dog bite curtailed her outdoor peregrinations, Michael and Marianne Halderman and other Pomona neighbors came to Stone's aid, arranging for delivery of meals on wheels—Stone kept no cooking facilities—and visits by UC students.

During Stone's final year in a rest home, Michael Halderman and neighbor Jane Quarfoot became co-conservators of Stone's affairs, carrying out her wish to form the Albany Library Trust Fund which left her entire estate, including the proceeds of the sale of her Pomona house, a coin collection, jewelry, silver, savings bonds, photographs and even her walking coat to benefit the local branch library.

"She once said she learned to read at a young age from her mother and wanted to help others learn to read young," Halderman said. A constant reader throughout her life, Stone in her eighties turned from the history, economics and serious stuff of her youth to lighter fare, best sellers and mysteries, according to Halderman.

Halderman said that, although eyestrain cut down on her favorite pastime at 95, Stone remained sharp on most days to the end.

In 1986 Opal Staniek, inspired many believe by Stone's generosity, bequeathed her house and land on Talbot Avenue to the city of Albany stipulating it be used as a children's playground. The Staniek Tot Lot has since become a favored place for neighborhood kids.

New police policy vetoes rescuing keys for forgetful

By Dawn Frasier

ELCERRITO—It doesn't always pay to be a Good Samaritan—the nationwide prevalence of lawsuits associated with helping acts has hit El Cerrito. As a result, the El Cerrito PD began a new policy last month; officers will no longer help you out if you lock your keys in your car.

The cause for the change, after many years of helping with lockouts, is the new design of cars, said Police Chief Dan Givens.

"The newer cars are much more difficult," he said.

"The built-in anti-theft devices can be damaged (when the person attempting to unlock the vehicle) has no proper equipment or training."

Givens added that even tow truck operators are not always willing to attempt entry into a locked vehicle (as happened when he locked his own keys in his car recently) and that a locksmith will not always take responsibility for a car someone else has tried to open.

"It's a liability issue," he said.

"We've had people submit claims to the city even after we told them we might cause some damage to the lock."

Givens said officers will still help out in an emergency situation, such as when a small child or pet is locked inside the vehicle.

Though many other cities have the same policy, the Albany PD is one neighbor that will still make an attempt to help you out if your car is within those city limits.

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School Notes

Homework lessons for parents

By Julie Winkelstein

My attitude toward homework has changed greatly in the 12 years since my first child entered Albany schools. The change has been gradual, and I was shocked to realize this week that my attitude has completely reversed.

When my children are home they always seem to find some way to occupy themselves. If they don't, we do. By the time pets are cared for, musical instruments practiced, chores completed, and small amount of free time thrown in, there's not much time left over.

That's why I've always resented homework. It takes my children away from family life. And to me, family life is their life.

But because of homework, for years I've felt like the underboss of an organization that communicates only through mimeographed paper. I've rummaged through school bags and backpacks, looking for some sign of what assignments needs to be done. I've encouraged, reminded, ordered and cajoled children through hundreds of hours of homework. I've even sat down and done it myself.

All along, I've resented it. Repeatedly I've raged, "They have my children for six hours a day. Isn't that enough? Why can't they teach them when they have them, and leave us alone?"

But this week I suddenly understood something. I understood that my children's homework is their work. Going to school is their job and doing work, both at home and at school, is part of that job.

When my seventh-grader brings home an assignment, and works until midnight, she does it because she wants to do the best work she can. She takes it seriously when someone asks her to do something. She thinks that means they want her best — just as our jobs should demand the best of us.

This revelation is the end of a story that really started with another moral.

At the beginning of this school year, my 12-year-old was unhappy in school. She spent hours and hours on her homework, and she was miserable the whole time. It was a rough start.

I felt frustrated by her misery and her perfectionism. Hours would pass each evening, and she would sit, hunched over drawings or working at the word processor, sometimes for six or seven hours. It didn't make sense to me. How could a seventh-grader need so much homework? Worried and angry, I tried to send her to bed. She would cry, I would yell. It was a nightmare.

I talked to the teacher about homework, hoping maybe she could cut back.

Why was there so much? I wanted to know. Then I had the first glimmer of my revelation. Some parents have complained there was too little homework, she said.

I didn't know what to say. My next visit was to the vice principal. He listened patiently, and even took notes. "My daughter is a perfectionist," I told him. I described our long nights and her unhappiness. His response was the second bit of illumination.

"She needs to set priorities,"

he explained. "Some assignments are more important than others. To exist in the real world, she's going to have to learn what's important and what's not."

I thought about what this meant. "You mean lighten up? Don't take all the work so seriously? Just do the minimum on some things, so she'll have time for others? Doesn't that seem a little odd to you, taking a student who wants to do everything well, and teaching them to do some things less well?"

"Well, that's the way the real world is. Some things just don't need the thoroughness she gives them. There just isn't time to do everything perfectly."

That advice, however, was not for us. As a parent, you can't change your child; all you can do is support.

That's what I've learned through this.

But when I came away from that meeting, I felt defensive and angry.

I wondered why my child had to be so conscientious. What was wrong with her? Had I made her this way?

The struggle went on until my daughter was transferred to another seventh-grade class. We had been assured by her friend that there was hardly any homework. And for her friend, that was true. But not for my daughter.

The change was good for her and she was happier in school. But the homework was the same. Because my daughter is the same.

I'm the one who's changed. I stopped worrying about whether she should be different. I'm just proud she's the way she is. I know when a teacher gives her an assignment, she will work on it until it fits her high standards. She may not like doing it, but she'll do it.

When she comes to me at midnight and hands me five beautifully typed pages, I see the pride in her exhausted face.

Her motto is if she has to do it, she's going to do it well. And I can only hope the teachers she has will ask her to do things that are worth doing well. If they do, and she does, I'm all for it. After all, it's her job.

Health service worker talks on insurance

By Julie Freestone

A local health expert who has studied Canada's health care says a "single payer" approach is the answer to reforming the United States' out-of-control system.

Margot Smith, a social scientist who works for the California Department of Health Services in Berkeley, has studied Canada's single payer system, interviewing hundreds of people about that system, which cuts out the insurance companies.

"There's a lot of discussion about the single payer system," Smith says. "It's coming from the grassroots."

For starters, Smith says cutting out the insurance companies and vesting the responsibility for processing health care claims in the government would have a significant impact on bringing down the administrative cost of care, which she says is 28 percent of the total ticket for health care.

As to whether the government can function efficiently enough to really make a difference, Smith points out many government agencies, including the Social Security Administration, the Post Office and the Veterans Administration, had periods when they were well-run and effective while big private corporations like IBM and the telephone company are proving to be inefficient.

In examining the way the single payer approach works in Canada, Smith talked with patients and providers, making a video of the interviews.

What she and her husband Robert

Purdy, who worked on the project with her, found was that most physicians in Canada were in private practice. Patients could select any doctor to visit, with the billing going straight to the government.

"It would be a system very much like the one we have except there would be a single payer," she says, contrasting that to the current U.S. approach where thousands of different insurance companies, each with their own billing form, are involved.

Financing for the Canadian system comes from taxes, but the cost to individual tax payers is only \$50 per month for a family and \$37 for an individual.

Everyone has access to care, although Smith concedes some people complain their taxes for health care are too high.

By comparison, Smith says 37 million Americans have no health insurance coverage. With 14 percent of the gross national product going for health care, she points out the cost of care is still rising and more and more seniors are having to pay for their expenses out-of-pocket because their insurance doesn't cover their needs.

Many Americans go without such things as immunizations for children and prenatal care for pregnant women.

In a speech last week at UC-Berkeley, economist Laura Tyson, newly appointed chair of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, issued a warning about those rising costs and the need for restructuring the system.

"In the second part of this decade it will be critical to put a

health care reform package together," said Tyson.

"If you listened to the president, you could tell his great passion about how he wants to define this administration, to get control of the health care issue."

Indeed, Clinton, in his state of the union address, warned that unless something is done about capping health care costs, half of the country's budget will eventually be spent for that purpose. He said freeing up dollars now spent on health care would have a major impact on making billions of dollars available to invest in the country's future.

But before the single payer approach can be sold in Washington, it will be necessary to beat off the approach Clinton seems to be advocating called managed care, which is aimed at controlling costs through such measures as buying pharmaceuticals in bulk and controlling which providers are used.

Smith says those plans won't work in rural communities which are too small for managed care

approaches to have an impact on inner cities, where patients distrust the approved providers.

In some areas of California have tried managed care, Smith says, agencies that traditionally cared for the poor were bypassed in favor of other groups that had no experience in serving them.

To push the single payer system, Smith has given the video she and her husband made to Clinton's team, but has heard nothing about their reactions.

Although she admits she can't predict what will happen, Smith says, "I'm very hopeful. Clinton (who is overseeing a force looking at health reform) see the light. They're starting to look at the numbers on managed care and see they're keeping insurance companies, the dinosaurs going."

A rally and town meeting advocate for the single payer approach and to educate the community about what it involves is scheduled for tomorrow and Friday.

'Japan trip' on Senior Center agenda

The Albany Senior Center has planned a trip — "Japan In A Day" — for Thursday, April 1.

The tour will include a visit to Berkeley Sho Chiku Bai saki brewery and an hibachi lunch at Benihana of Tokyo, San Francisco. Time is allotted for exploring Japantown, and a visit to Golden Gate Park's Japanese Tea gardens when many of the blossoms will be out.

The trip begins at the Senior Center at 9:30 a.m. and ends at center at (estimated) 6 p.m.

Cost is \$33, payable in full at time of registration, due no later than March 17.

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Complying with federal, state mandates is costly

Daren Fields
City Manager

The responsibilities of local government are not the same as they were 15, 10 or even five years ago. During the past few years, the federal and state government have passed a number of laws mandating that local government meet new regulations. These laws have mandated with no financial assistance. Addressing these mandates requires an enormous amount of time and money. These new laws reflect increasingly complex legal problems which are being left for local governments to solve. They cover a wide spectrum, from water quality, air quality, garbage and recycling to transportation and individuals with disabilities.



Some of these new mandates include:

The Clean Water Act. The City of Albany is in order from the State Water Quality Control Board to rehabilitate its sewer system and storm water system in order to meet federal Clean Water requirements.

Proposition 111. Passage of this proposition in

1990 mandates that Albany must work toward reducing vehicle trips and meet Clean Air standards.

- The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989. This legislation requires that Albany recycle 25 percent of its waste stream by 1993 and 50 percent of its waste stream by the year 2000.

- The Americans With Disabilities Act. This new federal law mandates that public accommodations, new construction and alterations to existing facilities must be accessible to the disabled. Although the goals of the ADA are appropriate and needed, implementation has significant costs.

- The Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. This Commission mandates that every sworn officer attend 24 hours of pre-approval training every two years.

In addition, every time a law enforcement person is promoted to a managerial position they must attend an 80-hour course of instruction within 12 months of appointment.

These mandates are but a few examples of the myriad requirements which Albany is forced to meet with no additional resources. In addition, Albany is being forced to interact as part of regional approaches to problems such as congestion management and waste management.

So not only does the city have less money to work with, we have less autonomy to develop our own solutions to the problems.

Albany is truly on its own financially. We must rely upon ourselves to fund our own local services as well as the many mandates which are placed upon us.



Getting ready for a nightmare

El Cerrito High School Thespians will perform Christopher Durang's *The Actor's Nightmare* this weekend, along with *Revenge of the Space Pandas*. Performing in the comedy will be Marian Glenn-Ellis, Adam Costello, Jacob Rosenbaum, Becky White, Judy Nutting and Aaron Calbreath-Frasieur. Bridget Watson (seated) will direct the troupe.



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Performance series at Berkeley Art Center opens Feb. 26-27 with Gerardo Navarro and Edge of the World Ensemble. 8 p.m. at 1275 Walnut St. 644-6893.

Ladino-Moroccan music by Gerardo Navarro is featured in a gala concert Saturday, Feb. 27 at 8 p.m. at Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. \$12/\$15. Matinee concert March 2 at 1 p.m., \$4/\$6; children's concert at 4 p.m., \$1/\$2.

Trinity Chamber Concerts presents City Winds woodwind quintet on Saturday, Feb. 27, 8 p.m. at Trinity Chapel, Bancroft and Durant, Berkeley. \$8/\$5. 549-3864.

Cal Performances welcomes Jon Jang and the African-Chinese Sextet to Zellerbach Hall Feb. 27 at 8 p.m. \$18/\$15; ODC performs March 5-6 at 8 p.m. \$26/\$22; 17. 642-9988 or fax 643-6707.

Terrace Bar, Claremont Hotel hosts Feb. 25: Pamela Rose/Nate Ginsberg Trio; Feb. 26-27: Latin Fire. Music begins at 9 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 549-8576 for more information.

Vocalist Lauren Pomerantz sings "Jewels of the Sephardim — Songs of Medieval Spain" Saturday, Feb. 27 at 8 p.m. at First Congregational Church, Dana and Durant streets, Berkeley. \$14/\$12. 527-157.

Hertz Hall Wednesday Noon concerts March 3: Japanese music with Michael Hattori, Philip Flavin, Robin Hartshorne and Yuriko Sakamoto. UC-Berkeley.

Kensington Symphony presents music of Beethoven, Leopold Mozart, Kodaly and Dvorak on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 8 p.m. at First Unitarian Church, One Lawson Road, Kensington. \$5. 524-4038.

University Dance Theatre's spring concert season — honoring the post-spring semester retirement of Professor David Wood — opens Thursday, March 4, with alternating programs through March 13. Call 642-8276 for information.

Upsurge!, poetry jazz ensemble, is at La Pena Sunday, Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m.; Costa Rican classical guitarist Randall Dormond-Herrera, 8 p.m., March 3. \$10. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 849-2568.

Young People's Symphony Orchestra performs for alumni night on Friday, March 5 at 8 p.m. 843-3053. "St. Matthew Passion" with Paul Elliot, Paul Hillier and Theatre of Voices, is the MusicSource presentation Saturday, Feb. 27 at 8 p.m. Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda. \$15/\$12. 528-1885.

Tea Spot Cafe, Thursday, March 4, 8 p.m.: Scarecrow, Gina Paulino, and Bern. 2072 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 848-7376.

Starry Plough, 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Feb. 25: Eyeland, Gavin Canaan; Feb. 26: Jump with Joey, The Loved Ones; Feb. 27: The Looters, Preacher Boy and the Natural Blues; Feb. 28: The Claddagh Band; Irish dance lessons and music Mondays beginning at 7 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays: darts at 8 p.m.

Ashkenaz for Feb. 25: Les Exodus, \$6; Feb. 26: Kotoja, 9:30 p.m., \$8; Feb. 27: Caribbean Allstars, 9:30 p.m., \$8; Feb. 28: Zydeco Flames in anti-SLAPP benefit, 8 p.m., \$6; March 2: Jazzayer, 9 p.m., with Greek dance lesson at 8 p.m., \$5; March 3: Gumbo Band, 9 p.m., with dance lesson at 8 p.m., \$5. 1317 San Pablo, Berkeley. 525-5054.

Berkeley Piano Club hosts a recital of piano solo, piano four-hand and violin-piano duos on Sunday, Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m. 2724 Haste St., Berkeley. \$6.

Julia Morgan Center for the Arts presents Human Nature performing "Queen Salmon" through Feb. 27 and March 4-6 at 8 p.m.; Feb. 28 and March 7 (Sundays) at 3 p.m. at Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. \$12/\$10.84. JULIA.

"You Can't Take It With You" is at Contra Costa Civic Theatre Fridays and Saturdays through Feb. 27; matinee Feb. 21. 524-9132.

At Berkeley Rep: Volpone, \$23-\$31. 2025 Addison. 845-4700.

Self-defense classes will be held Tuesdays through March from 8 to 9:30 p.m. at the Downtown Berkeley YMCA.

\$35 members/\$60 others. 848-YMCA. **Subterranean Shakespeare** performs Hamlet at La Val's Subterranean Cabaret, 1834 Euclid, Berkeley. Thursday through Sundays through March 27. Cabaret opens at 6:30 p.m. for dinner seating, performance at 7 p.m. Sunday shows at 1 p.m. \$8/\$6. 540-7743.

Jim Johnson, former Lutheran pastor now participating in music ministry, will present a concert at Lutheran Church of the Cross, 1744 University Ave., Berkeley on Feb. 27 at 7 p.m.

Owner Builder Homes presents a free seminar "Kit Homes — an Affordable Route to a Quality Home" on Thursday, Feb. 26, 7-9:30 p.m. Gamma's Inn, 2740 Telegraph. 482-9632 for reservations.

Meetings, Classes, Lectures and other events

Best of the Banff Festival of Mountain Films will be screened Friday, Feb. 26 at UC-Berkeley's Dwinelle Hall, Room 155, from 7-10 p.m. Hosted by REI. Tickets \$8; \$6 in advance at REI, 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 527-4140.

"Days of Waiting," a film by Steven Okazaki, will be screened at Berkeley Public Library's South Branch, 1901 Russell, on Friday, March 5 at 7 p.m. Filmmaker Okazaki will be on hand to discuss the 28-minute film. 644-6860.

Tear gas training is scheduled of Albany City Hall, 1000 San Pablo Avenue, on Saturday, Feb. 27, 9-11 a.m. 524-5065.

Archery lessons in the classic Old English style of drawing bow are taught by Michael Lang on weekends in Berkeley. Call 841-7749 for information.

Bay Bridge Stamp and Postcard Show, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at the Holiday Inn, Emeryville. Free. (707) 421-8950.

It's Cajun Swing at Albany YMCA Friday folkdance on Feb. 27. Lesson 7:30; dancing 8:30. \$5. 921 Kains, Albany. 525-1130.

Update on Palestine with activist Elias Rashmawi tonight, Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m. at La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 849-2568.

Yoga/robics master class taught by Laura Sachs, will be held Saturday, March 6, 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Herobics, 9951 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. \$7. 524-8416.

Gathering Tribes hosts classes in beadwork Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. atn Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon. \$15. 1309 Solano Ave., Albany. 528-9038.

REI hosts "A Hawaii Sampler" with Ray Riegert on Thursday, Feb. 25, 7 p.m.

Magic Gardens class Feb. 27, 10 a.m.: "Introduction to Composting," with Cindy Nelson. \$10. Reserve a place at 644-2351. 729 Heinz, Berkeley.

New Pieces classes: "Learn to Quilt" with Adele Ingraham is Saturday, Feb. 27, 2-3:30 p.m. \$6; "Intermediate Machine Quilting" with Karen Matsumoto is three Mondays, March 1-15, 7-10 p.m., or Thursdays, March 4-18, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$35; "Creating Optical Patterns with Stripes" with Mary Mashuta is Thursday, March 2-23, 7-10 p.m. \$50; "Drafting Quilting Patterns" with Lucy Hilly is Wednesday, March 3-17, \$35. 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 527-6779.

Bicycle improvements for Berkeley is the topic of a city workshop Saturday, Feb. 27, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at West Berkeley Senior Center, 1900 Sixth St. 644-6490.

African American cuisine is on the table on Thursday, Feb. 25, 5-7 p.m. at International House. All-you-can-eat

buffet: \$5.95. Readings and baritone Macatee Hollie follow; African Bazaar will be held Sunday, Feb. 28, 1-6 p.m. 2299 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley. 642-9460.

Berkeley Hiking Club Feb. 28: Peninsula Double Header, 8:30 a.m., lone Book (532-6379); mini-hike: Diablo Foothills, 9:30 a.m., Jacque Fields (357-8177).

Town Meeting on National Health Insurance sponsored by the Gray Panthers on Saturday, Feb. 27, 10 a.m. 560 20th St., Oakland. 527-3790.

City Commons Club Friday luncheon speaker, Feb. 26, is the Rev. Bonnie Bloom on "Homeless in Berkeley." Reserve at 848-3533.

Graduate Theological Union presents a series on sacred texts. Feb. 25: "What Makes a Text Sacred?" with John Palman Brown. 7:30 p.m. 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley. The public is invited.

"Cancer Quackery" is the topic for East Bay Skeptics on Friday, Feb. 26, 159 Mulford Hall, UC-Berkeley. Free. 420-0702.

Young People's lecture series at UCB's Earth Sciences Building on Saturday, Feb. 27, 10 a.m.: "Dinosaur Deaths and Cretaceous Questions." 642-1607.

Birthdays classes: Thursday, Feb. 25, 7-8:30 p.m., "So Many Decisions, So Little Time"; Feb. 27, 1-2:30 p.m., "CPR & How to Childproof"; March 2, 9-10:30 a.m., "Infant Massage Instruction for Parents." 869-2797.

Carolyn Beth Well, owner of the Bakeshop in Berkeley, will teach a class on apple pie, devil's food cake and sugar cookies at Pamela Grove's Regent Street Cooking on Thursday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. \$35. 548-9249.

UC-Botanical Garden presents "Bug Days" for the whole family Feb. 26-28, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$1.50 adults, 50 cents children. 642-3352.

Rotary-Chabot Planetarium programs Friday and Saturday nights, 4917 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. 530-3480.

"Business Expansion in Berkeley" is the League of Women Voters' brown bag lunch topic for Friday, March 7, CEB Building, 2300 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.

Alta Bates Medical Center: Ongoing older adult services: Blood pressure checks first and third Wednesdays from 1-2:30 p.m.; cholesterol checks, third Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon; hearing checks, third Thursdays, 2:15 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Appointments necessary, a fee is charged); Foot and leg circulation screening, second Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m. 204-4475.

UC Botanical Garden, Strawberry Canyon, Berkeley, presents Garden tours Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. Dino Days garden tour daily through May 24. 642-3343.

La Leche League groups in South Berkeley meets 10 a.m. March 17, April 21 and May 19 at San Pablo Park Rec Center, 2800 Park St., Berkeley. 849-4572.

Learn to ski with an REI day trip to either Bear Valley, Royal Gorge or Tahoe Donner. Dates are Feb. 27 and March 13, \$50 for REI members, \$60 others; rentals \$40/\$50. Introduction to snow camping, hut skiing and backcountry touring weekend trip is March 13-14. \$110. For information call Polly Bolling at 273-9886.

Skiers meet first and third Tuesdays in Oakland, Berkeley and Albany to socialize, share food and plan; weekend meetings \$10/night at ski lodge near Squaw. For information call Ron, membership chairman, Berkeley Ski Club, at (415) 868-2215.

Claudia Bernardi of the Argentine

Forensic Anthropological Team will speak on exhumations at El Mozote, El Salvador, tonight, Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m. at University Lutheran Chapel, 2425 College Ave., Berkeley. 644-1853.

Afraid of public speaking? Toastmasters can help. Thursday, noon to 1 p.m., 2151 Berkeley Way. 540-2477 or 528-4964.

Berkeley City Club: tours of its landmark building designed by architect Julia Morgan are the fourth Sunday of every month, noon to 4 p.m. \$1.50. 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 848-7800.

Exhibits

"Women of the World," a show of oil paintings by Gail Feazell, is at Cafe Ariel, 1600 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, through April 30. 845-4300.

"East Bay Women Artists—Youth to Maturity" features paintings a sculpture by 11 artists through March 28. 2911 Claremont Ave., Berkeley. 849-4967.

New Pieces shows "Quilt Explorations," works by the Colorado group, through March 3. 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 527-6779.

Graduate Theological Union shows a selection of recent painting by Hans Burkhardt through April 23. 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley.

"A Sense of Place: Public Art Projects and Proposals" is at the Richmond Art Center through March 21. Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. 620-6772.

Weir Gallery presents "Spring: Rite and Renewal," paintings, drawings, prints and sculpture by varied artists through April 17. 1605 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 524-8821.

"Native Images in Metal," a one-man show by Elwood Reynolds, is at Gathering Tribes through March 5. 1309 Solano Ave., Albany. 528-9038.

"Munch and His Models," a traveling exhibit and lecture series on Edvard Munch sponsored by the Royal Norwegian Consulate, is at University Art Museum, 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley through March 21.

African fertility dolls and AIDS micrographic images by artist Oden Santiago are on display at La Pena through March. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 849-2568.

"Richmond USA" is an audiovisual performance on the history of Richmond. Performance at 6 p.m. March 4 and 18. Also, sculptures by John Toki and Archi Held are on display at Richmond Art Center, Civic Center Plaza, 25th and Barrett, Richmond. 620-6772.

"A Stitch in Time" a fiber art exhibit, is at the National Institute of Art and Disabilities. Through Feb. 28. 551 23rd St., Richmond. 620-0326.

Judah L. Magnes Museum: The Museum at Work: Making a Difference at Home and Around the World; "Continuity—An Enduring Heritage: Recent Gifts and Acquisitions"; "Creation and Celebration: A 30th Anniversary Tribute." An exhibition of three large-scale mixed media works by Diana Schor created especially for this anniversary. Included are "Creation," "Tree of Life"

and "Song of David." \$3. Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. 549-6950.

University Art Museum: "New Asian Galleries" display the museum's Asian art collection. Gallery talks, Thursday 12:15 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m. Free with admission. \$5 general; \$4 seniors and students; free children under age 6. Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 642-0808.

Hearst (Lowie) Museum: "Too Good to Be True," through March 28. An exhibition of fakes, forgeries, hoaxes and deceptions that have plagued curators and collectors; "The Choir Invisible: Photographs of Western Cemeteries," through May 2. \$1.50 general; 50 cents senior; 25 cents children. Bancroft Way and College Avenue, Berkeley. 643-7648.

Shoshana Greenberg, Adler Award winner, presents four mixed media pieces and a large installation at the Judah Magnes Museum through May 23.

Support Groups and Self-Help

Alzheimer's Association offers support groups throughout the Bay Area. For information, call (800) 942-1333.

Arts Anonymous, a support group for artists to share emotions and test material, meets Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. at Live Oak Park Recreation Hut, Berryman and Shattuck, Berkeley. 527-1243.

Brookside Hospital hosts the following support groups — Stroke, first Thursday, 7 p.m.; Burn, first Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.; Heart, fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.; Cancer, second and fourth Tuesday, 5:30-7 p.m.; Ostomy, fourth Monday, 7:30 p.m. 2000 Vale Road, San Pablo. Call 235-7006 for more information.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (or Other Dysfunctional) Families meets Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church, Ashbury between Central and Lincoln, El Cerrito. Free.

Type I insulin dependent young adults, 18-40, are invited to a support group second Saturdays every month, 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Diabetic Youth Foundation in Walnut Creek. 937-3393.

Alzheimer's Support Group meets at Doctors Hospital the second Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m. 2200 Apian Way, Pinole. 724-5040. **Alzheimer's Support Group** meets the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. 741-2442.

Leukemia Society sponsors support groups for leukemia, Hodgkin's disease, lymphoma and multiple myeloma and their families and friends in Berkeley on the first Monday of each month. Call (415) 543-9821 for more information.

Cancer Support Group for pediatric caretakers, long-term survivors and friends; every other Friday, 8:30-10 a.m. All Souls Episcopal Church, 2500 Cedar, Berkeley. 845-9059.

American Schizophrenia Association—Alliance for the Mentally Illly support group meets bi-monthly the conference meeting room at Hospital, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. Meetings are free and open to anyone. 841-8361.

Berkeley Fire Resource Center 2907 Claremont Blvd., has a new women's support group which meets Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. 7701.

Overeaters Anonymous (Cerrito) meets Tuesdays, 5:30-7 p.m. at El Cerrito United Methodist Church, 6830 Stockton. 273-9280.

Overeaters Anonymous (Berkeley) meets every Saturday to give aid to those with eating problems. 10 a.m.; newcomers meet at 8 a.m. John's Presbyterian Church, 2720 College Ave. 273-9292/841-8562.

TOPS — Take Off Pounds Sensibly — meets each Monday morning at 8 a.m. at 980 Stannage Ave., Albany. 527-8372.

Heart Talks are held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Brookside Hospital Auditorium, 2000 Vale Road, San Pablo. 235-7006/2295.

The Referral Source meets Thursday at noon to exchange business referrals, networking, and information. 763-4971.

Secular Organizations for Seniors (S.O.S.) meets Mondays, 8 a.m. at Berkeley/Albany Recovery Center, 2126 Sixth St., and Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. at Berkeley Unitarian Church, 1606 Bonita. 2221.

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Downpours swamp 1940 race track opening

Writer recalls it was "raining wild" at Golden Gate Fields

Jack Biringer

Rain, rain, rain and more rain. December, January and February of 1940-41, we had rain, rain, rain and even more rain.

There was a new race track in the Bay Area. The inaugural was for Saturday, Dec. 28, 1940. The Golden Gate Turf Club was located in Albany and Berkeley, on the shores of storm-tossed San Francisco Bay. There had been no horse racing in the Bay for 30 years, although old-timers fondly recalled the Emeryville track.

It was an idyllic time. The new Golden Gate and San Francisco-Bay bridges were the latest in the world. The 1939-40 World's Fair and Exposition was a marvelous success.

Children could take Key Bridge trains across the Bay and transfer at Yerba Buena to Treasure Island and see the fair. You could leave your doors

locked. The Bay Area was a magical place. There was always San Francisco, too — yes, Herb Brown's "Baghdad by the Bay."

We had it all. Everything seemed bigger and better in those days. Even the rains of December 1940, the heaviest in a decade.

Golden Gate Turf Club's groundbreaking was early 1939. Prominent dignitaries, luminaries and prominent investors were present. Heading the Hollywood contingent was Bing Crosby. He called the little resort track, Del Mar, "Where the Turf Meets the Sea."

The track was built at Point San Bruno, directly opposite the old Golden Gate. The property was a dairy with farm buildings on the hillside where the grandstand was constructed. The area where the track was laid out,

between East Shore Highway and the little hill, was a low marsh-like meadow. It often flooded.

Now the Bay Area could claim "The Latest of America's Great Tracks!" We had the Golden Gate Turf Club, heralded by the press as the most modern and largest race course in America. By December 1940, workmen were applying finishing touches. The huge grandstand glittered and gleamed in the rain. Its modern facilities even outshined Santa Anita and Hollywood Park.

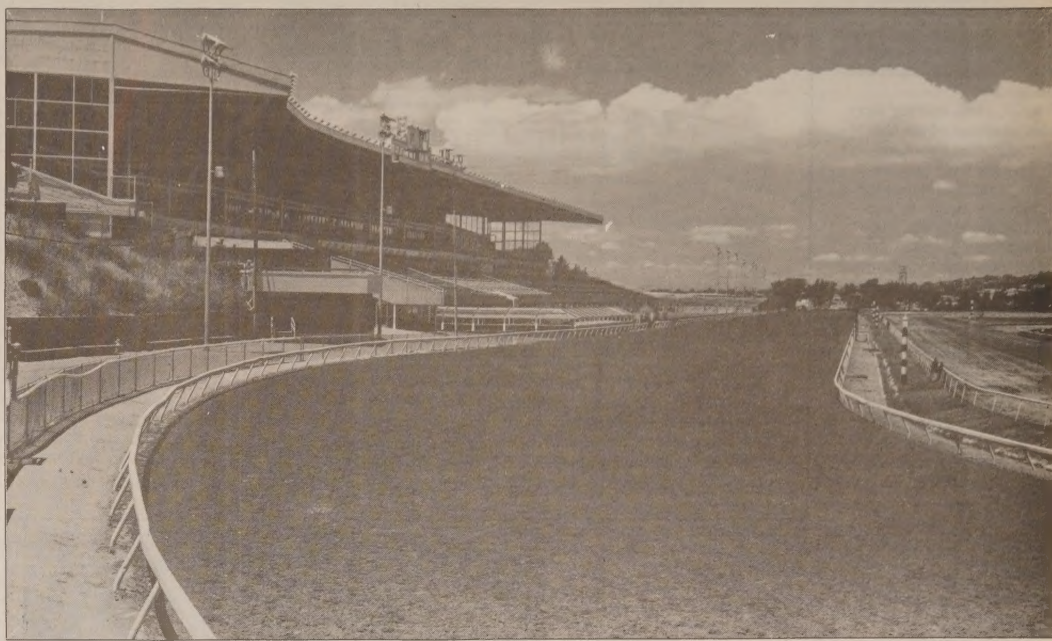
Apropos, the Golden Gate color themes — Pacific blues and California golds and white — were used throughout the plant for the logo, advertising, and racing programs. The grandstand exterior was bright sky-blue, trimmed with Art Deco double white stripes.

The building was a landmark that could be seen from almost anywhere halfway around San Francisco Bay.

Designed not only for beauty, but utility and economy, the grandstand facade was fabricated with basic modular steel panels. The finish was permanent sky-blue glazed ceramic ferro enamel, all but maintenance free, never needing paint.

The unique open-air circular, standee terraced saddling paddock was located directly in front of the stands. In fact, there was an unobstructed view of paddock activities from all 18,900 grandstand seats. The paddock design has often been imitated.

The cut and grading of Pt. Fleming hill provided thousands of tons of boulders and earth as landfill and breakwaters for the vast parking lots and stable area. The magnitude of the project was dwarfed only by engineering genius. The architect carved and



Above: Golden Gate Fields in the '80s under sunny skies; right: 1963 Winners Circle photo of Running Turk shows view of grandstand before structural changes in the '70s



"The World's Fastest Race Track." Golden Gate was an original.

The Golden Gate plan was conceived and designed by Oakland architect and engineer Maury I. Diggs. He was involved in early plans for Santa Anita, and designed and built Hollywood Park, Bay Meadows and "Black Jack" Jerome's El Cerrito Kennel Club and track (now El Cerrito Plaza), etc.

The rains began Dec. 14, 1940. By Dec. 25, it was still raining. Maury Diggs and his wife, Marsha, were invited to the Biringer home for Christmas dinner. My father, businessman and owner-trainer M. D. "Bob"

Biringer, was Diggs' associate during the building of Hollywood Park.

Dinner conversation was dominated by the track's opening three days away. Diggs was optimistic, and had plans. "We may build a big hotel and restaurant overlooking the bay and Golden Gate Bridge," he said. "At the north end of the property, I want to develop a marina and build a yacht club..." It was pouring rain.

Slip Madigan, general man-

ager, advised race fans to "Come rain or come shine, Golden Gate Race Track will open Saturday, Dec. 28, 1940, as scheduled." Although, the stable area was plagued with mud, local trainers, including Ed "Turkey" Wright and Theresa Loeff, had their stables and handicap horses on the grounds.

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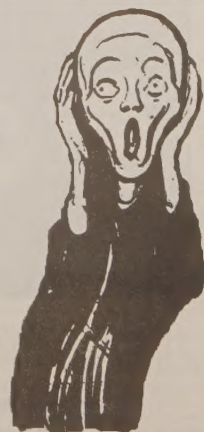
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Rain

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were early arrivals. Barry Whitehead, racing secretary, took entries for the opening card. It had been raining incessantly since Dec. 14. Weathermen offered not a ray of sunshine, nor a forecast encouragement.

Dec. 27, 1940, attorney Jerry Giesler, chairman of the California Horse Racing Board, refused to approve the track because unceasing rains had turned the track into a "veritable swamp-land." Opening day was postponed until Jan. 1, 1941.

Diggs maintained all the track needed was sunshine and horses to stay off it, and cited the 3/8th chute, blocked off all week, and dry and fast. The track was sealed. Little rain fell on Monday and Tuesday. Hallelujah.

New Year's Day, 1941, 25,000 racing fans flocked to Golden Gate. At 11 a.m., dapper Jerry Giesler, flying up from L. A., announced the track as "unsafe for horse and rider."

Mysteriously, overnight, tractors had dragged the track. There were ridges of hard clay soil 12 to 16 inches deep in the stretch. To this day, it remains a mystery as to who ordered the work, or how, and why?

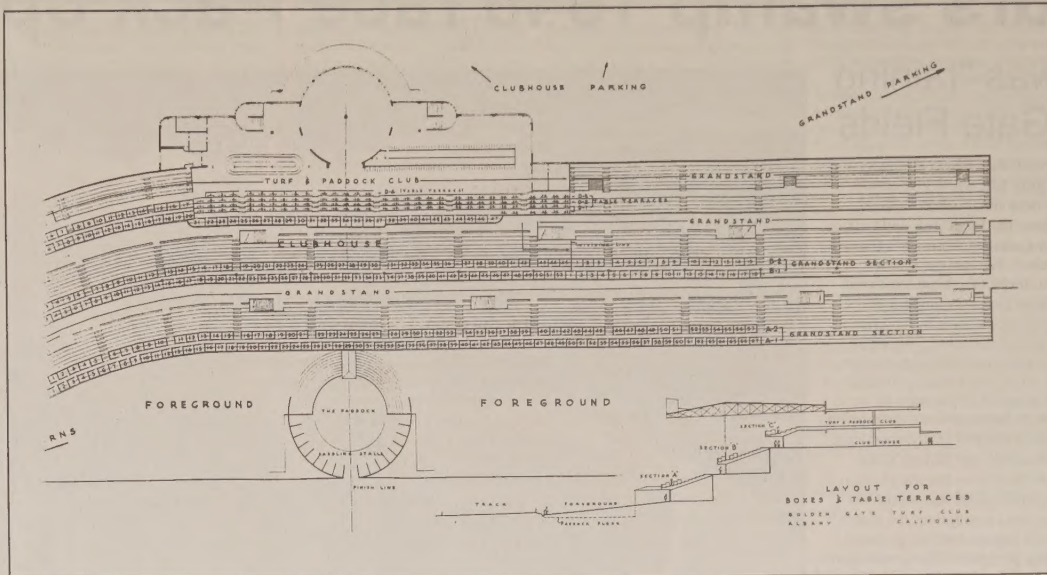
Although, the rain had stopped by Friday, Jan. 10, obviously the track couldn't open on Saturday, either. General manager Slip Madigan, Notre Dame football great-St. Mary's coach, needed a miracle play. Harry Brown, steamship executive and president of Golden Gate, and track directors brought in big earth-moving equipment. Frantically, tons of famed Pleasanton topsoil was removed from the track, piled high in the landscaped infield. They were ready to put a cushion on the track.

Unfortunately, rains began again. By Jan. 14, Oakland's annual rainfall had doubled. Other openings on Saturday Jan. 18 and 25 were washed out.

"Herb was just kidding!" began an item in the Chronicle Sporting Green, Jan. 28, 1941. It was strictly a joke and columnist Herb Caen apology to Albany Track officials. In part, here's what Caen had said on radio: "Attention, Slip Madigan. Things are not so tough with your poor old \$2.5 million dollar race track. National defense authorities are going to buy the plant for plenty of dough, and use it for a submarine base."

Golden Gate finally opened on Saturday, Feb. 1, 1941, with weather threatening and the track slow. More than 20,000 enthusiastic racing fans jammed the track. The Bing Crosby-bred horse Skukumchukwon the first race. Feature races were the California Lassie Stakes and the first Albany Handicap. Neil S. McCarthy's filly, Augury, easily won the latter.

Due to unrelenting rain and other circumstances, the betting handle was even less than anticipated. Racing resumed Wednesday, Feb. 5. Rain continued, attendance and betting



Above: Architect's drawing of original grandstand; right: architect Maury Diggs greets owner-trainer Bob Birlinger (1948)



owner-trainer was broke.

We drove up the hill behind the grandstand. I walked along the promenade of the round Club House building, peering in windows. At the Turf and Paddock Club entrance, I paused.

A week earlier, racing fans were ascending the classic twin staircases, with spectacular views on either side of the Turf Club and Club House building. Art Deco interiors were shades of

blue, with white, metallic golds, and golden poppy orange accents. The posh Turf and Paddock Club sported a luxurious royal blue carpet, then an undreamed-of extravagance. There were two fireplaces, white Philippine mahogany bars, lots of glass, and brass fixtures, plus, an "Unparalleled Million Dollar View" of the Golden Gate from Turf Club and Club House circular lounges and the sweeping twin

stairways.

For Maury Diggs, who studied with Frank Lloyd Wright, sent back invitations to join A. I. A., and designed and built many important buildings, the Golden Gate facility was the culmination of 30 years as one of the top architects of his time. The heartbreak of a lifetime, Golden Gate was Diggs' masterpiece.

There it was, the Golden Gate Grandstand, not unlike a giant luxury liner, her sleek, gleaming, sky-blue hull shown brightly in fading light of day. A ship gone aground, with all the horses slowly departing. Fourteen cylindrical blue columns, encircled with hoops of gold leaf, shot upwards to support the huge cantilever grandstand roof. Colorful pennants proudly waved to the crowd long gone. A ghost ship.

I always remember Golden Gate as originally designed. Through the years, there have been many architectural changes, some good, some not so good. The sweeping, classic twin staircases with spectacular views, are gone. Unwittingly, even the "Million Dollar View" from the

Turf Club was tampered with. The entire first balcony was moved forward at least 15 feet, partially obstructing the view of the run into the first turn from many vantage points, spoiling original site lines and some view of paddock activities.

Regrettably, the unique, circular saddling paddock has been torn out and modified many times. The landmark sky-blue grandstand has been painted over innumerable times, too. The trademark image of Pacific blue and California golds, which contributed so greatly to the eventual early success and world fame of Golden Gate Fields, is long gone.

As the car headed down the Club House hill and along the road between San Francisco Bay and the stable area, I sadly wondered: As the Phoenix rose from the ashes, could Golden Gate Race Track rise from its watery despair?

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Each year a different church hosts the festival. This year it is the turn of Temple Beth El, the only Jewish synagogue in the area.

Since the host chooses the music for the group chorus, Temple Beth El's cantor, Howard Cohen, was able to make his choice.

The music he chose was composed in the 14th century and includes one hymn in Hebrew (Hallel), one in English (The Words), both from the Jewish liturgy. The music is beautiful, the harmonica beautiful, the choruses demanding.

In addition, the group will sing Gabrielli's magnificent "Come Let Us Sing A Song Of Peace." When the many voices join in each song the result is thrilling for both the singers and the audience.

Felicia Cipolla of Mira Vista Church who, with Joanna Nichols of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, co-chairs the event, says that 12 church choirs are singing up to take part.

In addition, two Laotian groups, one from Grace Lutheran Church and one from St. Paul's, volunteered to sing some of their native music, which should be extremely interesting.

GRIP, an organization of religious groups from all of West

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Completed applications for National Scholarships are due on February 1, 1993.

National JACL Scholarships for undergraduates, graduate students, law school students are also available. In addition, students may be awarded in performing arts, creative arts. Completed applications for these scholarships must be submitted directly to National Headquarters by April 1.

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Union planned for Albany High

There will be a reunion of Albany High School graduates for the years 1944 through 1951 on Saturday, Oct. 16, 1993, at the Round Bay Club, Albany.

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Contra Costa County and Albany, established the Festival of Choirs as one of the many ways of bringing together peoples of all persuasions, races and culture, to help avoid a recurrence of the riots of the 1960s.

The organization has benefited the region greatly, having started the Food Pantry, the respite program for fragile adults, many of them suffering from Alzheimer's disease, and several other important and innovative programs.

Recently GRIP took over the sponsorship of the Souper Center, which feeds some 200 to 300 or more hungry people every day.

The Festival of the Choirs will be held on Sunday, Feb. 28, at 3 p.m. at Temple Beth Hillel, 801 Park Central in Richmond.

The Temple is located of Hilltop Drive East of I-80 and across the freeway from Hilltop

Mall.

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Winning book

It was great delight to learn that Patricia Elmore, who was profiled in these pages not long ago, has been nominated for an Edgar for her book *Susannah and the Purple Mongoose*. Pat Elmore writes mysteries for the young, and they are warm, witty and wisely crafted.

The Edgar, named after the wonderful and original mystery writer, Edgar Allan Poe, is the Oscar of the mystery writers, and it is a single honor even to be nominated for the award.

"And I am in such great

company," the starry eyed Elmore said.

Five authors are nominated in each category, and of the five nominated in the Juvenile Mystery category, two are well known to her and she considers them very superior writers.

"And I intend to read the other two, whom I don't know, as soon as possible" she says.

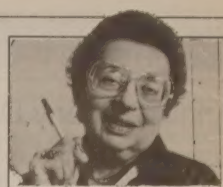
The other nominees are Chris Von Allsburg, Eve Bunting, Peri R. Griffin and Ray Prather.

Pat also reported happily that several of the local women mystery writers, fellow members of Sisters In Crime, had visited her unexpectedly after learning of her nomination, bringing champagne to toast her and congratulate her for this great, and well deserved honor.

The Edgar Awards Banquet will be held in New York on Friday, April 30, and, says

Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser



Patricia Elmore, "I will certainly be going to New York in April." Congratulations. And much continued success.

And congratulations to localite Joshua G. Genser, a business lawyer with the Richmond firm of Norris & Norris, who has been elected chairman of the Richmond Private Industry Council, which administers federal job training funds.

Quoting the Examiner, "Genser said, 'The Richmond PIC has a cooperative program in which Kaiser Permanente trains radiological technicians recruited by the PIC while the PIC pays the

trainees a salary. It is our hope to create more such cooperative programs between the PIC and private industry."

Good events, good people, lots of water and the sun is breaking out. A good day to all.

Thank you, Felicia Cipolla, for reminding me of the Festival of Choirs. And thank you, Maurice Newburn, of Newburn Books, for calling me about Patricia Elmore.

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Annual Albany Day at the Races scheduled for March 6

By Fern Luoma

A special welcome mat will be out for Albany residents at Golden Gate Fields March 6 when the community celebrates Albany Day at the Races.

Those who hold Albany Day at the Races raffle tickets and tickets mailed by Golden Gate Fields to all Albany residences will be admitted free and given reserved seating for that day only.

Albany nonprofit organizations, school groups and seniors are participating in this annual fundraiser by selling tickets entitling the bearer free admission, reserved seating, a generous discount at Gina's Pizza and Italian Restaurant and the opportunity to win one of 37 valuable prizes donated by Albany Chamber of Commerce members.

Monies collected will be used for school athletic programs, purchasing of musical instruments, scholarships, youth programs, camperships, beautification projects and other areas such as assisting the deaf and blind.

The race track opens at 11 a.m. with the first race starting at 12:15 p.m. A welcoming table will be staffed by Albany Chamber of Commerce members from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Guests must enter on the Buchanan Street (north) side of the track to be welcomed by Golden Gate Fields' hostesses who will direct them to section 20, where they will be given a welcome packet and a lapel sticker allowing special seating in section 14 near the finish line.

Red, white and blue balloons will help identify the welcome table. Also greeting guests will be the Albany High School Band, under the direction of Terry Larson, who will be playing favorite selections near the entrance from noon to 2:30. Guests arriving after 2:30 may proceed directly up one level to section 14.

Each Albany residence should have received free admission tickets with reserved seating in the mail from Golden Gate Fields. With the tickets are mutual vouchers, one per family. One may receive a \$2, \$5, \$10, \$1,000, \$5,000 or \$10,000 voucher.

If a household has not received tickets in the mail by March 4, an adult member may pick them up at the Chamber office at 1108 Solano Avenue, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on March 4 and 5 while they last. Vouchers will not be given at the Chamber office.

Raffle tickets are available

from Albany groups: Athletic Boosters, Children's Center, Lions Club, Lioness Club, Rotary Club, Little League, YMCA, Soroptimist Club, American Legion Post 292, Solano Avenue Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 292, St. Mary's College High School Albany Seniors and the Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

Prizes range from a Seiko watch, \$10 gold coin, gift certificates, United States Savings Bonds, cash, chiropractic consultations and examinations, automobile service, two night stay in Reno, restaurant gift certificates, soul treatment for your home, free cable service to other valuable prizes.

The donors are Ali's Restaurant, Albany Coin Exchange, Albany Little League, Albany YMCA, Andronico's Park and Shop, An-Other Termite Company, Bank of America, Captain Video, Century C-ble, Domino's Pizza and Gina's Pizza and Italian Restaurant.

Others are Jeans Realty, K & S Company, Mary and Joe's Sporting Goods, Mechanics Bank, NTT Travel, Charles Prins D.C., Refractions, Richard's Jewelers, Joe Sio Chevrolet-Geo and Swimming for Adults Afraid in Water.

Citizen of the Year, named at the Golden Gate Fields/Chamber of Commerce Mixer in January, Mike Koepke, will have a race named in his honor.

Food service is available throughout the track. The Turf Club offers a savory buffet for groups of 10 or more, while Turf Club patrons may order from a menu if desired.

Other food concessions include Taste of Italy, Winner's Circle, South of the Border, The Market, Sweet Finish, Trax Snax, Country Kitchen and Clocker's Corner.

Children 17 and under are admitted free with a paid adult admission

Arts Festival

A wide variety of artists' handcrafted items will be exhibited for sale at the Albany Arts Spring Festival/Classic Auto Show scheduled for May 1 on the Key Route Strip at Solano Avenue.

Jurors have accepted 62 artists to participate in this second annual arts festival. The festival also includes the Second annual Classic Auto Show, children's activities and food booths.

Some of the items artists will feature are hand-crafted jewelry, pottery, stained glass, children's clothing, Folk Art wood furniture, hand-crafted musical instruments, watercolors, photography, hand woven garments, soft sculptured toys, tote bags and masks.

Chairing the event are Mary Weiland (East Bay Paint Center), chairman of the Albany Chamber of Commerce Arts Committee and Susan Adame, Arts Festival Coordinator.

Applications for the Classic Auto Show are available at the Chamber of Commerce, 1108 Solano Avenue. There is no fee for entrance.

Autos must be at least 25 years old for the classic category. Special interest autos will be accepted.

This show is for exhibit only. Committee members are David Arroyo, Raymond Grassi, Robert Wolf, Joe Sio, Adame and Weiland.

Information of the art festival and the auto show is available at the Chamber office. Phone 525-1771 weekdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

City finances

A complete detailed report of Albany's finances for 1992-93 is available at the Chamber office. The report shows income and expenses with charts.

Lodge breakfast

El Cerrito-Albany Masonic Lodge breakfast for benefit of Marin Elementary School will be held Sunday, February 28, 8 a.m. to noon. The purpose of this breakfast is to financially help in purchasing materials for the betterment of the school. Tickets may be purchased from Worshipful Master of the Lodge Clarence Nable or at the door. The price is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12.

The breakfast consists of pancakes, eggs, biscuits and sausage. Reservations may be made through Noble, 6526-1192 or Rod Haney, 525-6388. The breakfast will be served at the Masonic Lodge located on Stockton Avenue at Norvell Street in El Cerrito.



El Cerrito cast and director take a break from rehearsals for "Revenge of the Space Pandas"

EC High thespians produce two plays

It's opening night for two plays at El Cerrito High School. One comedy and one children's play will be directed by members of the school's Thespian Troupe.

Junior Bridget Watson will direct Christopher Durang's *The Actor's Nightmare*.

Imagine you suddenly find yourself on stage in front of an audience.

You don't know who you are, you have no idea what your lines are or even what play is being performed. You don't know how you got there, only that you want to

wake up from this nightmare.

The comedy, *The Actor's Nightmare*, explores that dilemma. Actors are: Marian Glenn-Ellis, Jacob Rosenbaum, Becky White, Judy Nutting, Adam Costello and Aaron Calbreath-Frasieur.

The comedic children's play, *Revenge of the Space Pandas*, by David Mamet, writer of the *Hoffa* screenplay and *Glengarry Glen Ross*, will be directed by Aaron Calbreath-Frasieur. Two children and a sheep are spun off the earth by a two-speed clock for an adventure.

They land on a planet years away from earth, the Supreme Ruler is in need of a sweater.

Actors are: Bridget Watson, Adam Costello, Doug Frisier, Marian Glenn-Ellis, Robert Beck, Melody Mellin, Christine Erickson, Heather Judy Nutting, Phil Nutting, Nelson, Nick Hangola, Nelken, and Jacob Rosenbaum.

The plays will be performed at the school's Little Theatre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 25, 26 and 27.

Retired teachers plan lunch meeting, summer trip

The West Contra Costa Division No. 58 of the California Retired Teachers' Association will hold its regular luncheon meeting on March 2, in Linder Hall of St. Luke's Methodist Church, 3200 Barrett Ave., Richmond. Phone 232-3656 for reservations by Feb. 26.

The division welcomes to membership anyone interested in or affiliated with education. For information, phone 758-6081.

President Carol Ozanich will conduct the executive board meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Friendship Room of the Church. All officers and committee chairmen are urged

to attend.

Following lunch, Paul Brown, the program chairman will introduce Darrol Davis, the director of the Anniversary Program honoring the charter members of Division No. 58. Davis is a charter member and a past president of the organization which was formed in March of 1968.

Twenty-three of the charter members are still active and have been invited to attend as honored guests, and to share remembrances to Alaska of 15 days/14 nights has been planned by the tour director for late summer. There will be

many trips to such places as National Park, Shagway, Whitehorse, and Sitka.

For details and further information, phone 232-2777.

Church speaker

The public is invited to a second midweek Lenten service at Grace Lutheran Church, Wednesday, March 3 at 7 p.m. Guest speaker the Rev. Brockman will speak on "Tuition," from Matthew 23:17.

The church is located at 1400 Fe Ave., El Cerrito.

SCHOOL GUIDE



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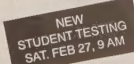
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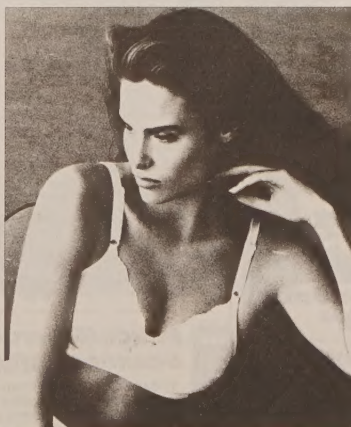
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less than if we allow facilities to deteriorate. Construction costs to rise higher, and students will be hampered longer than necessary by crowded and inadequate buildings. Albany's fine schools are a heritage that has been passed down to us by previous generations of citizens. My fellow board members and I are charged with the responsibility of preserving and protecting this heritage. Vote YES on Measure A.

Dianne McNeeney, President
Albany Board of Education

and return

Albany residents have known the value of good schools for generations. The Jan. 31 article in the San Francisco Chronicle states that demand for our excellent school system is as much as 6.1 percent increase in value over the last six months for homes in Albany. The reason that property values are increasing in Albany while surrounding areas are actually declining.

If you value your community and want to maintain property values, it would make good financial sense to vote Yes on Measure A. For example, our home is valued at approximately \$107,000 on the tax rolls, which is about the median for Albany homes. The year our tax bill would increase about \$36 for a bond.

maintain quality education and property values is a good investment.

Jim and JoAnn Connor

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O.S.! Save our Schools! Vote "Yes" on Bond Measure A March 2. For years Albany residents have been on excellence in public education and today schools have won high acclaim and are the envy of neighboring communities. Blessed with an intelligent, supportive citizenry and dedicated teachers, students attain the highest ranks in the state in academic achievement. Our high school graduates are among the finest colleges and universities in the country. For more than any other reason, people move to Albany to start their children in our schools. (Ask your real estate agent).

Albany schools face a crisis. There is a need for 14 additional classrooms, upgrading of schools to meet current health and safety standards, seismic strengthening of Albany High School, Cornell School, and new science and library buildings at Albany High School.

Measure A is designed to meet the crisis. The bond will be a modest 8.8 cents (on average) per dollar of assessed valuation. The Albany School Board and bond committee asked for more than a bare-bones, no-frills bond measure. Just

the necessities.

Our children are the hope of tomorrow; give them an even break: vote "Yes" on Measure A; we can do no less.

The schools are so bound in the history and character of Albany that it can be said that as Albany schools go, so goes Albany.

Dario Meniketti

Crucial to community

Editor:

All four ballot measures in El Cerrito's March 2, election are essential to the longterm viability of our community.

The issues facing El Cerrito voters have been studied in great detail by those who participated in Project Listen. The all-volunteer group of more than 30 citizens met every other week for two years. We don't need to waste time or money on further studies! We need to act now!

The taxes raised by these ballot measures make sure all of us receive a basic level of police and fire services. That's right, basic services. Money will be spent on projects as stated; it would be illegal to do otherwise. There is a cost of saying "No" on March 2. But can we afford to say "No"?

• Cost of saying "No" to Measures H, J, K and L: Failure to pass Measure H, the 4 year Fire Safety Tax (\$57/year per single family home), forces us to live with the risk of a firestorm which feeds on brush and trees in the Hillside Natural Area. A firestorm can spread throughout the city, destroying homes and hurting businesses which serve El Cerrito.

Response times for fire and medical emergencies could be increased by overworked firefighters and worn out equipment. Fire engines need to be replaced to avoid a total breakdown at some point in the future.

Failure to pass Measure J, the Storm Drain Revenue Bonds (\$58/year per single family home), subjects the city to more lawsuits. Over \$250,000 has been spent out of the general fund to pay homeowners for damage from collapsed storm drains. Storm drains are collapsing every day, making a bad situation worse. Failure to correct known problem areas threatens insurance coverage, leaving the city to pay legal claims on its own.

Failure to pass Measure K, the Hillside Fire Station General Obligation Bonds, (up to \$10/year for homes assessed \$100,000 or less — 63 percent of homes in El Cerrito), will no doubt close the station which is structurally unsound. Response times could double. Without the Arlington station, fire fighters may not arrive to medical emergencies and fires for 10 minutes or more. The delay could mean the difference between life and death.

Failure to pass Measure L, the Public Safety Building General Obligation Bonds, (up to \$14/year for homes assessed \$100,000 or less — 63 percent of homes in El Cerrito), also compromises our safety. The building is 35 years old and has never had a major renovation. Both police and fire personnel are subjected to diesel fumes, asbestos and a dangerous patchwork of wiring and plumbing made worse by a leaky roof.

The public safety building's fire station is the third busiest in Contra Costa County, mainly due to medical

emergency calls. Sure, we could decide to consolidate fire services with other cities in the future — but that mainly affects personnel. The public safety building's location is vital for quick response times.

• Cost of saying "Yes" to Measure H, J, K and L:

The entire program as outlined above will cost approximately two out of three homeowners up to \$139/year in the first four years and up to \$82/year after year four when the Fire Safety Tax expires.

El Cerrito Property Values Threatened by "No" Vote:

A "No" vote on Measures H, J, K and L will cut vital fire and police services and burden the city with a growing number of storm drain lawsuits. We will be hurt by lower property values and loss of essential city services making El Cerrito a less desirable place to live.

• Voting Yes for El Cerrito on March 2:

We can, and must, put our self-interests and common interests together and invest in our services and facilities now. Show your care about our future, vote "Yes" for El Cerrito on March 2!

Gina M. Brusatori

More specifics, please

Editor:

I found it interesting that the sample ballot for the March 2 election that the Albany School District is scheduling in order to engineer a \$31,600,000 expansion bond, contained no "con" views. Only "pro."

As was to be expected, the bond's interest burden will fall on every property owner in Albany. That is to say that it will be financed by an increase in the property tax rate. Yet not one of the proponents in the sample ballot was willing or able to supply a definite figure on that rate. Of course not.

At a time when the economic and employment slump in the state, and the amount of public bond default result in investor heightened anxiety and demand for higher rates of return, the sitting-duck property owners — many of whom are or will soon be on fixed income — may be in for a jolly ride. This comes in conjunction with President Clinton's planned increases in personal income and social security tax rates.

This proposed bond is mainly addressing physical envisioned demands. Now, Albany is really a small community that may add a few new residents annually, not many. Still the school population and its accompanying administration seem to keep swelling.

The feeling is prevalent that the Albany property owners have — and may increasingly continue to — subsidized the property owners and residents of surrounding communities that, legally or not, enroll their children here.

Wouldn't it be fair if before such weighty election took place, Albany residents were given some straightforward information regarding the proportion of local residents attending the Albany schools? And wouldn't it be proper if the voters had been given a few more specifics as to the

building projected and the real tax implications of such indebtedness, in order to better judge on themselves rather than by School District decree? Alas, the time has almost run out for such input!

As we are all beginning to discover: an election itself is far from a guarantee that the democratic process is really at work..

M. Zavala

Save us money

Editor:

We have been residents of El Cerrito for a very long time. When we were looking for a home for our family of three children, we chose El Cerrito because it offered us so much — safety, police and fire protection, good schools, clean and friendly neighborhoods, parks, recreational activities, etc.

Our children are now grown. And we have seen the impact of our country's fiscal problems on our city. We have lived through disastrous events, such as the recent fire in the Berkeley/Oakland hills and the earthquake. We see the terrible cutbacks in education, recreation, and city services.

As retired citizens, we are on a limited income. We look at our city budget and know that we have eliminated the fat from city expenditures. We know that our country needs to undergo change in our priorities, especially at the federal and state levels, but these take time and political action.

Which leads us to our local ballot propositions. We must pass them. Proposition H is a four-year fire protection and prevention tax; Proposition J will repair our storm drains; Proposition K and L will stop the deterioration of the Arlington firehouse and main Public Safety building.

We urge the citizens of El Cerrito to pass these measures. It will not only protect us from fire dangers and storm drain collapse, but will save us money.

It's our people, our houses, our properties! Vote "Yes" on March 2.

Ernest and Chizu Iiyama

One of the best

Editor:

We would like to urge the Albany citizens to vote in favor of Measure A. The Albany School District Measure will allow for the selling of bonds to repair and improve existing buildings and construct new, much needed, school facilities.

You just need to visit any of our school sites to realize how important this issue is.

Next year we will pay off the Albany and Middle School bonds.

The schools have been governed through the years by prudent and responsible school boards and administrators and consequently Albany Unified School District has proven to be one of the finest school districts in California.

Let's keep it this way by voting Yes on Measure A.

Jean and Carla Tenret

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1,945 calls last year; of those, 65 percent were medical calls, he said. Cummerford also said that 86 percent of those calls were made west of Navellier Street. The tax, he said, is "not just catering to the hill area."

For each of the measures, Kosel asked her guests to address opposing arguments.

Cummerford spoke to the less-costly fire hazard abatement carried on by UC-Berkeley. The reason for that, he said, was that much donated labor was used, Lawrence Lab firefighters — with less calls to make — oversaw the operation, and that no expensive environmental review study was necessary.

Brusatori challenged the idea that the tax benefits only hill neighborhoods by referring to the medical emergency and fire danger aspects they already addressed. She also said that the argument that Insurance Services Office ratings have gone up for the department are not applicable, since they do not take medical calls into consideration and do include help obtained from joint response agreements with Richmond and Kensington.

Kosel herself addressed the joint response issue.

"Who wants to make a deal with us if we can't carry the load?" she asked. "(Joint response) cannot be a one-side affair."

Brusatori also spoke to the question of how much of the city's budget is devoted to public safety. She said that opponents' estimate of 40 percent is based on the entire package of city's expenditures.

The 85 percent figure used by supporters of the tax is based on the city's discretionary budget.

That figure is about 7-1/2 million dollars, she said, after Redevelopment Agency funds and monies for mandated programs are removed.

Measure J will pay for about half the improvements recommended by an engineering study commissioned by the city.

The cost would be about \$58 per parcel.

Metal storm drains were installed in El Cerrito before its incorporation, said Cummerford — "No one even new where they were."

"They are now rusting, corroding and collapsing — sometimes in people's yards," he said.

According to Cummerford, deterioration of the drains has led to city liability, with \$200,000 in paid claims over the last three years.

Arguments against the measure have been withdrawn, after members of the opposition group, the Citizens Alliance for El Cerrito, were assured by the city council that any leftover funds would be reserved for Phase II work on the storm drains and would not be absorbed into the city's general fund.

Measure K would fund the construction of a new Hillside Fire Station.

"It's an attractive little building," said Cummerford.

"It's hard to believe it has defects; it looks so nice from the outside."

A tour of the facility convinced Cummerford, however, that the old station has to go.

He spoke of "grossly inadequate living quarters...little bigger than a closet" and of the cracked concrete floor.

"The weight of the (fire engine) is tearing away the foundation," he said, noting that when the building was constructed in 1949, engines weighed about 10,000 pounds, compared to about 40,000 today.

Cummerford also said that the engine must be stored outside during the day in case an earthquake destroyed the building, trapping the engine inside.

A second truck is parked outside at all times.

In terms of medical calls, said Brusatori, fire response time would be increased from six minutes to 12 minutes for the hill area; Cummerford wondered what affect that situation might have on two of his neighbors who recently suffered heart attacks and required medical assistance.

Should the tax not pass, he said that he expects OSHA will close the facility for safety reasons.

Brusatori briefly addressed the question of consolidation with other departments.

"We have to have the station whether or not we consolidate," she said, adding that "personnel costs — not costs for stations or equipment — are the greatest cost of any service business."

That tax is based on assessed value; Cummerford estimated an average payment of \$10 per year, based on the information that about two-thirds of El Cerrito's homes are assessed at \$103,000 or less.

It also took a tour of the facility to convince Cummerford of the need for repairs of the main public safety building at Manila and San Pablo Avenue.

The building is 35 years old and has not been properly maintained, he said, pointing to mechanical and heating failures, falling ceiling tiles, needed structural repairs and the necessity for separate facilities for female personnel.

"After 35 years, it's really worn out," he said.

In their concluding remarks, Brusatori and Kosel spoke positively of Bob Winslow's endorsement of three of the measures.

Though Winslow has been a critic of the city council, said Kosel, "I have always found him honest and sincere in his criticism."

Brusatori and Cummerford also estimated the cost for homeowners if all four measures pass.

That total, they said, should be about \$139 for the four years of the fire tax, \$82 thereafter. Those figures, they said, assume ownership of a home assessed at \$103,000 or less.

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Gent said later that she was appalled at the action but also that she was disturbed at one statement made by a proponent "putting everyone who doesn't agree together into the same bag," thus perhaps implicating involvement by anyone opposing the measures. "In a city like El Cerrito," she said, "two groups can be of different opinions and not be in opposition."

One bottom-line point for Gent

is her belief that the city manager and City Council look to Project Listen recommendations inappropriately, as if they reflect, "this is what the city of El Cerrito wants."

In terms of the new tax proposals, Gent said any more payments can be very scary, for example, to a widow on a fixed income who can barely afford taxes now.

As far as the ballot measures are concerned, Gent said that the group

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security situation," she said. "It confuses me, I don't know why they're doing it."

The bottom line, she said, is that "at this point, we feel like we have no choice."

Senior Ted Picciotto normally leaves campus at lunchtime.

"I don't understand why they have to close the El Cerrito campus," Picciotto said. "I haven't heard of any troubles for all the years I've been here. It really helps me and my friends to go off campus for a while to get a break. It makes afternoon classes easier after a break."

And Picciotto believes the closed campus may be a tinder box for

violence, particularly between groups that don't particularly like each other.

"There's no longer the opportunity to just go, to just get away," he said.

"I think there will be problems — people who don't like to each other being forced to be together, crowded cafeterias. I think it provides the twigs for the fire for some kind of violence."

Picciotto said he has been "hallswept." He left the classroom during the first 15 minutes, running an errand for his teacher. The man who stopped him, whom Picciotto did not recognize, said that the reason for leaving didn't matter.

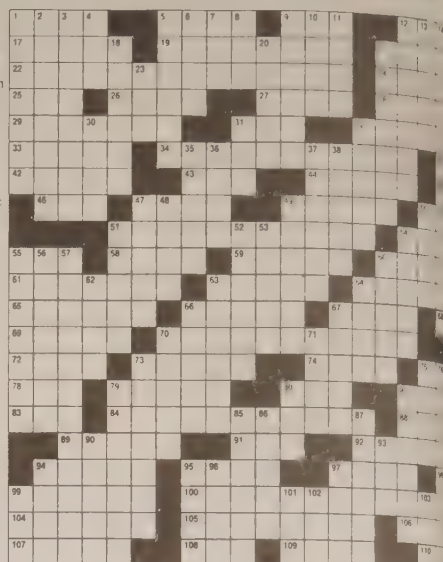
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- ACROSS**
- 1 "— for All Seasons"
 - 5 Mum, e.g.
 - 9 Panay native
 - 12 Hooded menace
 - 17 Actress Williams et al.
 - 19 Hormone
 - 21 Title for W. E. B. Du Bois
 - 22 N. A. A. C. P. co-founder
 - 23 Boston Massacre martyr
 - 24 Finesse
 - 25 River in Wales
 - 26 Monograms of a certain Duke
 - 27 Chum, for one
 - 28 A three-time P. G. A. champ
 - 29 Okla. city or Algonquian
 - 31 Entertainer Vereen
 - 32 Gloves in Campanella's closet
 - 33 Auriculate
 - 34 College founder and adviser to Presidents
 - 39 Greedy one
 - 42 Some Bowe blows
 - 43 Actress Ruby
 - 44 Suit material
 - 45 Department of Peru
 - 46 W. W. II landing craft
 - 47 Surrealism predecessor
 - 49 Telamon
 - 50 Course for young D. H. Williams
 - 51 Baseball legend
 - 54 Le— (Clemenceau)
 - 55 Kind of wheel
 - 58 Pot contribution
 - 59 Polynesian chestnuts
 - 60 First name of a January honoree
 - 61 Singer Franklin and namesakes
 - 63 "R. U. R."
 - 64 Nail, as in a used-car lot
 - 65 Like Basie dance music, e.g.
 - 66 Ancient Comb. form
 - 67 Wing, to 54
 - 68 Across
 - 69 Rosa of Montgomery's bus boycott
 - 70 Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman
 - 72 "Bus Stop" dramatist
 - 73 Theme
 - 74 Dandipratts
 - 75 Logos: Abbr.
 - 78 Summer quencher
 - 79 Larynx affliction
 - 80 Doubtboys, today
 - 81 Did a smithy's job
 - 83 Loc. of Mayor Dinkins
 - 84 Nobel Peace Prize winner: 1950
 - 88 Coat with a metal alloy
 - 89 Congressman Clayton Powell Jr. et al.
 - 91 Babylonian sky god
 - 92 Arboreal African rodent
 - 94 Crunching sound
 - 95 Spanish painter
 - 97 Ark unit
 - 98 Inhabitant: Suffix
 - 99 Fats Domino hit of 1954
 - 100 Celebrated Lincoln Memorial soloist
 - 104 Began
 - 105 In development
 - 106 Quick pick-me-up
 - 107 Valuable strings, briefly
 - 108 Benign bump on the skin
 - 109 Barbary swimmers
 - 110 Handle, in Le Havre
- DOWN**
- 1 Points the finger at
 - 2 Memorable Supreme Court Justice
 - 3 Dakota Indians
 - 4 Initials at Pensacola
 - 5 "As might — so bright a dame!"
 - 6 Matt. 8:32
 - 7 Coleridge
 - 8 Thai money
 - 9 Language family
 - 10 Heartwood of an E. Indian tree
 - 11 Imported rosé
 - 12 Eurasian sea
 - 13 Eugene —, memorable conductor
 - 14 Botanist who upgraded the South's economy
 - 15 "Of — I Sing"
 - 16 Pulitzer Prize novelist Toni
 - 17 Ponds, in Paris
 - 18 Brooke, once, and Braun, now
 - 19 Stuffed
 - 20 Kokoon
 - 21 Cubic meters
 - 22 International easing of discord
 - 23 Financial-news editor-publisher 1855-1928
 - 24 Bromfield's "the Day Break"
 - 25 Ponds, in Paris
 - 26 Spanish land
 - 27 Certain Egypt
 - 28 Hood
 - 29 Theatrical
 - 30 Former capital
 - 31 Piquant
 - 32 Kind of



Obituaries

Frederick Epstein

A memorial service for Dr. Frederick M. Epstein will be held Sunday, Feb. 28 at Alta Bates Medical Center Auditorium, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. Dr. Epstein died Feb. 9 in Berkeley.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dr. Epstein attended medical school at the University of Louisville after graduating from the University of Michigan.

A World War II Navy veteran, he met his wife, Gene, at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City. He had lived in Berkeley since 1953.

A founder of the Fairmount Medical Group in El Cerrito, he practiced with the group for 30 years. He was active in Physicians for Social Responsibility following the Vietnam War, and involved in many other political, health care reform and peace-related organizations throughout his life.

After retiring he was an avid gardener and continued to serve on the Ethics Committee at Alta Bates Medical Center.

He is survived by his wife; his daughter, Joan, of Tucson, Ariz.; his son, David, and daughter-in-law, Catherine, and grandchildren Alison and Benjamin of Berkeley. He is also survived by brothers, Jules Elliot of Coral Gables, Fla., and Carl Epstein of Silver Springs,

Md., and numerous nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Physicians for Social Responsibility, S.F. Bay Area Chapter, 2288 Fulton St., No. 307, Berkeley 94704; U.S. Committee for UNICEF, Tribute Program, 1796 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 94709; or Women for Peace, 2302 Ellsworth, Berkeley 94704.

Mary Jan Hennefer

A vigil was held at Ellis-Olson Mortuary this week for Mary Jane Hennefer of Oakland, who died Feb. 14 in Oakland at age 56.

Mrs. Hennefer was born in Albany, and raised in El Cerrito. She was a graduate of El Cerrito High School.

She and her husband of 37 years, Brent, have been local entrepreneurs since 1960, forming a business relationship that lasted through her passing. In 1960 they started the business of growing Christmas trees and then selling them at lots in various Oakland districts. Most recently they ran tree lots at Grand Avenue under the Interstate 580 freeway, and at a site by the Coliseum. According to family members, past tree lot customers would return each year and ask for Mrs. Hennefer, who they knew only as

"the little redhead."

She also worked as a grocery checker for local merchant George McDermott of Pic n' Pac for over 20 years.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Hennefer is survived by a son, Oaklander Frank Hennefer, sales manager of Wells & Bennett Realtors; daughter and son-in-law Mary and Frank Nicoli of El Cerrito; a sister, Addiego of El Cerrito; and grand daughter Sophia Hennefer. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

A liturgy was held at St. Paschal Baylon Church in Oakland, and interment was at St. Joseph's Cemetery in San Pablo.

Mrs. Hennefer became ill in April 1992 and was subsequently diagnosed with a brain tumor. The family requests that any memorial contributions be made to the Brain Tumor Foundation, 323 Geary St., Suite 510, San Francisco 94102.

Helen McSheehy

Lifelong Albany resident Helen M. McSheehy died Feb. 18 at 82.

A volunteer of Sisters of Mercy Retirement and Care Center, she was also a member of the Berkeley Lady Elks.

She was the wife of Richard T. McSheehy, Albany; mother of Susan Holtam of Carmichael; grand-

mother of Stephen M. and Philip P. Holtam; mother-in-law of Michael Holtam; and sister of Lillian J. Smith of Santa Clara.

Maria Pansoy

Maria Encarnacion Pansoy, 73, died Feb. 15 in Berkeley. She was a longtime resident.

She was a member of the Legionnaires of Triunfo America, Bohol Circle Inc., Nino de Cebu Inc. and the Senior Citizens of San Francisco.

She was the wife of Panias Pansoy of Albany; daughter of Fernando A. Pansoy of Larry A. Pansoy of Albany; Chief Sgt. Robert A. Pansoy of Japan, Connie Lozano of Joe A. Pansoy of Oregon; Pyle of Sacramento, Paul A. of Albany, Victoria Lee, Elizabeth Pansoy of Christopher A. Pansoy of Springs, and Marquita Burns of Richmond; 18 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Donations to National Foundation of Northern California, 533 Pilgrim Drive, 94404, would be appreciated.

ing has often been unwise, the Alliance calls for much more stringent study of each financial issue.

According to the group's mission statement, "The Alliance is totally opposed (now) to the issuance of partial, biased, factually distorted, or misleading information by the city on behalf of a proposed tax issue."

"The Alliance feels that any tax must be totally understood in all of

its costs and duration. Most importantly, there must be a detailed justification for the city after full consideration of alternatives for cost saving."

Other priorities for the group include an ideology for city finances, the right of residents to vote on all taxes and the use of city employees rather than those of priced (outside) consultants

in time, however. Daniels said that preparing particularly difficult Cerrito High has committed to retaining one common period rather than dividing up.

Principal Paul Daniels said the lockout was instituted several weeks prior to the closure as something of an experiment to see what kinks needed to be worked out. He hopes it will discourage students from leaving campus.

He also said that the spring closure itself is something of a test period for the future.

Many new amenities will be ready to go by the third, he said, including more benches for eating and more food vendors for lunch purchases.

Not everything that will be needed eventually will be initiated

a little better with the lunchtime lockout. She attributed its effectiveness to "humiliation."

Both Mehron and Joan Cone have long had a workable tardy policy, however. If a student is late for any reason — as often happens in first period, Mehron said, they receive 15 minutes detention after school. A stated classroom policy, it never has to be discussed and does not affect the student's grade in any way.

"I let them know I still love them," said Cone at last fall's Open House. "They just have to do the detention."

Melhorn said, however, that chronic tardies seemed to be doing

portive. She said, however, that sometimes decisions from the top down are easier, since it insures greater uniformity.

Believing that the city's spending has often been unwise, the Alliance calls for much more stringent study of each financial issue.

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ANTHONY P. KUTTNER

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unsettled. That's what one meteorologist called the area's weather. Rain and sun, at the same time, that's the way it's been going lately. Unsettled is the best way to describe the coaching situation at Golden Bear fans are clouded because it's never good to have a coach in the middle of the season, even if the guy needs to go for my money, Lou Campanelli needed to go. It's not that Cal should have a better record than its 10-7 when Lou was shown the door, although that's almost enough. And it's not that Lou swore at the players, although that, too, is a reason enough.

Lou needed to go because, sense, he was already gone. Shortly before Cal AD Bob Bockrath bid Lou adieu, the Golden Bears blew a game they could have won. Campanelli's post-game pose?

The players won't listen to those are the words of a coach who is already gone, and Bockrath might make it official as soon as possible.

At the same time, even though the season is in disarray, Golden Bear fans can see the sunshine in the future.

Now, I don't care if Cal goes as long as the two losses are Arizona, or 2-25, as long as the wins are against Stanford. But I'm excited about the opportunity to do something special this coaching job. The good rumor flying around from Nelson (or is it Donnnn assonnnnn?) keeping a team parking pass, but as head coach rather than as Don's assistant with the Bears.

Another bit of hot gossip has Thompson leaving his sweet home of Georgetown and taking Cal.

After currently rumored dates include every man who worked for Lute Olson at Arizona, which is where Bockrath tied the ropes as an assistant before coming to Berkeley. Like all Arizona alumni, I ship Lute, but I'd rather not see one of his protégés here. I'm too familiar with the coaching system, and with the Cal, they could most likely figure a way to beat my

Asides, I think the Golden Bears could do better. I hope they don't go with me. I have nothing against the coach, personally, and I believe that his half the coach his old man will be twice as good as most coaches around, but again, I think Cal could do better.

Thompson wouldn't be a bad idea. He's proven that he can coach. I can only imagine how exciting Cal would be with one of Thompson's trademarks big receiving passes in the hands of Jason Kidd.

Thompson has also proven that he can win. He's been to the Final Four a few times, and won the Big East once.

He has also shown that he can coach the preseason, and that's what I don't want him here. While at Georgetown, Thompson has prepared the Hoyas for tough Big East campaigns by scheduling such opponents as Duke's and Chaminade. His coaching philosophy is to be "If you have the ability to outscore us for even one game, we don't want to see

only imagine a Cal team schedule with Thompson at the helm. There'll be games against Mills, Laney, Corpus Christi eighth (don't laugh — they're in the playoffs).

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De La Salle BVAL hoop winners; BHS heads for playoffs

By Peter Mentor

The big game for the Bay Valley Athletic League boys' basketball title was a big letdown for Berkeley as the Yellowjackets fell 52-45 to De La Salle in front of a roaring home crowd in Berkeley Friday night.

The Yellowjackets had a shot at tying the Spartans for first place in the league if they won, but they didn't take advantage of the many chances offered by their pressure defense during the game. Berkeley finished at 11-3 league, 17-7 overall for second place, while De La Salle climbed to 13-1 league, 20-3 overall for its fourth consecutive league championship.

Berkeley was not playing its best basketball, but neither was De La Salle. The Spartans had the lead from the start and never trailed in the game. The Yellowjackets came close at times, pulling within four points as late as 2:26 in the fourth quarter with two chances to tie it up, but they were not hitting the inside shots and never managed to get the lead.

"We missed too many shots," said Berkeley head coach Jesse Gossett. "We shot 34 percent in-

side, we had 25 turnovers and they jumped on us 12-1. You just can't do that. We played great defense and couldn't convert."

De La Salle opened the game on a 12-1 run in the first quarter and Berkeley didn't hit a field goal until Kenya Rowe scored off a rebound with at 1:40. Rowe scored again on a nice spin move in the paint, cutting the lead to 13-6 to end the quarter.

The Spartans scored the first basket in the second quarter, but the Yellowjackets made some hot plays to show they were in the game with a 7-2 run in a two-minute span.

Nathan Burks made a statement on his driving layup for two plus a foul, which he converted for a three-point play. Jahari Tracy hit back-to-back hoops off an inside shot and a rebound, and a fast break ended with a layup by Rowe that evened the score 15-15 at 5:15 in the second quarter.

De La Salle senior Richard Thomas put the Spartans back in front, but Burks stole the ball and slammed a rim-rattling dunk to tie it again at 17 and get the mostly-Berkeley fans screaming with joy.

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Cougars will appear in Power Division playoffs

By Peter Mentor

When the East Shore Athletic League boys' basketball season began Albany head coach Doug Kagawa wasn't sure what his young team could do in a league with the likes of St. Mary's, Bishop O'Dowd and St. Joseph.

The Cougars reached above expectations finishing 5-9 in the league, 7-19 overall and making it into the East Shore Athletic League Power Division playoffs.

Albany was scheduled for an opening round game against St. Elizabeth on Wednesday in a rematch of last year's finals. Last year the finals were held at the Oakland Coliseum Arena and the Cougars were thrilled just to play on the same floor as the Warriors. St. Elizabeth won that game and both teams entered the North Coast Section playoffs.

This season St. Elizabeth will most likely make the North Coast Section Division II playoffs, while the Cougars would be satisfied with an appearance in the ESAL finals to end the season. To do that Albany would have to beat St. Elizabeth at home and that's a tough feat to perform.

The Mustangs have a talented squad, good enough to knock off defending Division I state champions St. Joseph this season. St. Elizabeth entered the ESAL semifinal game at 10-5 league, 14-11 overall after losing its last regular-season game to O'Dowd in a tough battle.

The Cougars have reached beyond their goals with players like sophomore Jon Sanger and juniors Dwane Chappelle and Gary Tatmon. They were hoping

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Kenyatta Rowe launched scoring action for the Jackets

Jeff Lindquist

EC coach to bid for hoop playoff

By Peter Mentor

El Cerrito head coach Chris Huber was watching St. Elizabeth play Bishop O'Dowd last Saturday, one day after his team completed its 19th win of the season with a 89-69 victory over Pinole Valley.

The Gauchos finished at 9-5 in the Bay Valley Athletic League, 19-7 overall and are anticipating a berth in the North

Coast Section Division II playoffs. The seeding meeting is this Sunday at Dublin High in Pleasanton and Huber was confident his team would be among those, but he wouldn't say for sure.

"We'll find out on Sunday for the playoff situation," said Huber. "Eight to 10 teams vie for a spot."

Eight Division II teams make the NCS playoffs. Among those teams trying to get in are El Cerrito,

St. Elizabeth, Monte Vista, San Ramon, Amador Valley, Pittsburg, Moreau, Mission San Jose and Mt. Eden.

Scouting teams and looking at records is what coaches do before the seeding meeting and the playoffs. Teams that did not win their league championship must apply for an at-large bid. Many Division II teams never have a

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Injury hampers Panther final High-scorer loses footing in muddy home field game

By Peter Mentor

St. Mary's had a busy week in the East Shore Athletic League playoffs, winning a double-overtime shootout 4-2 against Bishop O'Dowd in the semifinals in Oakland on Wednesday and losing 2-1 in the rain-soaked finals at home against Richmond on Thursday.

It was the first appearance ever for St. Mary's in the ESAL finals and win or lose it guaranteed the Panthers a spot in the North Coast Section playoffs, which open tonight. St. Mary's plays in the opening round against James Logan at James Logan High at 6 p.m.

Playing back-to-back games last week was hard on the Panthers, but the hardest part was losing their star striker and high scorer Khalil Kirtman in the first half against Richmond.

The championship game was played in the rain on the muddy St. Mary's field. Kirtman, the Panthers' quick-footed forward, got a perfect lead pass from one of his defensemen for a break-away. The ball landed just in front of Kirtman, who stretched to reach it and slipped in the mud.

Kirtman fell to the ground holding his leg and didn't get up. The officials stopped the game when the Panthers regained control of the

ball and the injured Kirtman was helped off the field and taken to the hospital with a dislocated knee. He sustained the same injury while playing football as the team's kicker, causing him to miss the championship game two seasons ago at the Oakland Coliseum.

After that it was an up-hill battle for St. Mary's. The wind was blowing hard towards the Panther goal for the first half and without their fastest forward their run-and-gun offense was lacking the gun. Richmond was pressing on offense and had a sure goal taken away when St. Mary's freshman Seth Altshuler headed the ball away just before it was about to score. Oscar Lizarde hit a rocket shot that was saved by Panther goalie Trent Davalos as time wound down in the first half.

The Oilers received a corner kick from the right side and Ernesto Contreras blasted a shot that cruised two feet from the ground and curved into the goal for an unassisted score with three minutes to go.

St. Mary's had a prime opportunity nipped by an offside call and the first half ended on a near miss by Richmond. The teams left the field for the comfort of warm, dry shelter as the rain started to pour ferociously and the Oilers up

1-0.

The second half started with Richmond getting three shots that sailed wide or high of the net. A fourth shot looked like it was going in when a Richmond player got in front and headed the ball up, where it bounced off the top of the crossbar and out.

The Oilers came down the left side of the field and Contreras broke loose, firing with his left foot into the net for a 2-0 Richmond lead. Contreras had lifted three previous shots over the net with his left foot, but this shot stayed down and gave the Oilers a big advantage. "I told him all season not to kick with his left foot," said Richmond head coach John Velho with a smile.

St. Mary's would need something big to get back in the game without their top scorer and a field slippery field.

Panther teammates Jonevan Hornsby and Jose Ponce had connected with passes all day and they mounted an offense threat. Ponce shot wide right from the left on one play. Finally Hornsby got free and booted in a goal for the Panthers, cutting the lead to one and giving St. Mary's a new life.

St. Mary's had been in this situation before against Richmond and come back from a 2-0 deficit to win the game. The Panthers tried to get

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Play was rough and muddy in O'Dowd finals game

Panthers

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the ball up field, but the Oilers defense kept away the good shots and offered only marginal angles at the goal. Time ran out for the Panthers and the Oilers had their second consecutive ESAL title.

"Oh boy, oh boy oh boy," said Velho. "You know, St. Mary's really took it to us after that first goal. They were all over the ball. We didn't want what happened to us before happen again."

St. Mary's head coach Luis Orellana was not disappointed with his team, rather he looked at the league season as a positive since the Panthers finished 11-2-1 including the playoffs.

"It was a good season for us," said Orellana. "They played very organized. We won some good games coming in. Playing in such conditions is hard. It's like playing two games."

The semifinal game was a huge victory for St. Mary's in another game that was two in one. The Panthers and Dragons played 90 minutes of high-intensity soccer, including two five-minute overtime

periods and the result was a 0-0 tie, bringing the entire season down to a tension-filled shootout.

St. Mary's had the first opportunity to shoot. Hornsby hit the back of the net with his shot, while Davalos saved O'Dowd's first shot and the Panthers led 1-0. David Adame scored for St. Mary's on their second shot and O'Dowd's shot went wide for a 2-0 Panther advantage. Bezaitis made a save on the Panthers' third attempt and Paul Krawiec scored for O'Dowd, cutting the lead to 2-1 to keep hope alive for the Dragons.

Kirtman scored on his shot to assure at least a tie in the shootout, but O'Dowd's Andy Ivory kept the suspense going with his goal that cut the lead to 3-2. Panther junior Sean Murphy hit the game winner for a 4-2 victory to send his team to the finals.

"It was an amazing game," said O'Dowd head coach Brian Cushing. "It was the best game I've seen since last year's Richmond tie. It was crazy, everyone was playing their hearts out from both teams. When it comes to losing, if the kids are playing their hearts out as they

play and lose, it's predestined. Some of the kids were just exhausted."

The game was not without goals, but twice scores were called back. O'Dowd had a score called back for kicking the ball out of the Davalos' hands and St. Mary's lost a goal on an offside penalty to even things out.

The Panthers an open net to shoot at when Dragon keeper Athan Bezaitis came out of the goal to cut the angle. The ball was heading for the back of the net when out of nowhere came Dragon defender Dan Linville headed it out in a play similar to Altschuler's save in the finals.

The game ended in scoreless tie and the first five-minute overtime began. There wasn't a player holding back from either squad and the overtime slowly became a second overtime. The next five minutes came and went as the whistle blew signifying the end of field play. The game was now down to five penalty shots for each team. The Panthers made their shots to eliminate the Dragons.

Berkeley

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With three minutes to go in the first half Berkeley was pressing on defense and getting the turnovers, but the Yellowjackets couldn't convert those into points.

The Spartans took the lead back on Adam Carters' free throw, his only point of the game and Thomas sailed in a right hook for his 10th point of the half. Chris Vontoure scored on a fast break to send De La Salle into halftime up 22-17.

The third quarter highlighted the best offensive show of the game for both teams. Berkeley's Michael Lewis, who was shut out in the first half, was steaming in the third quarter, scoring nine points on four shots from the floor and one free throw.

The Spartans were up 30-21 when Lewis went wild. He bombed a jump shot, went over De La Salle's 6-5 senior Kevin Groves for another basket and scored on an alley-oop pass from Traniel Brown while being fouled. Lewis hit the free throw, cutting the lead to 30-28 with 4:20 left in the quarter.

De La Salle junior Terry Bute matched Lewis with nine points in the third quarter, including 3-for-4 shooting from the line to keep pace for the Spartans.

Berkeley's full-court press was working well and the Spartans were called for a five second violation. Play went back and forth for a while. Lewis scored on a smooth jump shot, but Bute hit two free throws and scored after a rebound. Rowe dishd to Tracy for two and Brent Smith drove the lane for De La

Salle. Berkeley stole the ball with three seconds left in the quarter and Tracy heaved a desperation shot from near mid-court that dropped in at the buzzer for a three-pointer, ending the third quarter with Berkeley down 41-37.

The fourth quarter was a free-throw shooting special for both teams. Berkeley scored just once from the floor and De La Salle hit two field goals, the second coming on a meaningless layup in the last seconds of the game. The Yellowjackets pressed as hard as

they could and the Spartans fouls, going 7-for-12 from the line. "We left our feet, they dart around and we were out of them," said Gossett of the Spartans. "That was the turning point. They made their free throw and had a chance to tie it but just didn't happen."

Berkeley cut the lead to 41-37 at 2:26 when Lewis hit two shots from the line. De La Salle threw away twice on the press, but Berkeley didn't score off those.

North Oakland Little League 1993 Tryouts

Due to rain and wet field conditions, North Oakland Little Leagues 1993 Tryouts have been rescheduled to Saturday and Sunday, February 27 and 28, 1993. Rescheduled Tryouts will take place:

For 9-11 year-olds, 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Chabot School Field, Chabot Elementary School, 6686 Chabot, Oakland.

For 13-16 year-olds, 8:46 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Willard Junior High Field, corner of Telegraph and Derby (near Andronico's market), Berkeley.

Every Registrant must attend tryouts. Registrants who are not selected for the Majors on Saturday, must return on Sunday.

Every Registrant must plan to attend, rain or shine. In the event weather conditions continue to be poor, the tryouts may be moved indoors or further postponed, but decisions on final matters will be made and announced only at 8:46 a.m. on the day of the tryouts.

Tryouts are only open to those registered by the deadline. For more information concerning tryouts, please call Nancy Neim at 480-5155 or Mike Blanchard at 531-2275. Updated information concerning tryouts may be obtained by calling the recording at 273-9212. Registrants who have not already done so, must present birth certificates at the tryouts.

Gauchos

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chance at winning their leagues, because the bigger Division I teams are among them.

Each coach has to make a case why his team should be in the playoffs and they have two minutes to explain. The factors involved in the selection process include overall records, head-to-head competition among Division II teams in pre-season and the league; and beating a top Division I team and anything else a coach can think of that is pertinent.

El Cerrito split with Pittsburg

within the division and beat Berkeley (in league) and St. Mary's (in pre-season), two top Division I teams. The biggest plus for the Gauchos is winning 19 games, which is considered the magic number for a sure entry.

In action last week, the Gauchos played close against De La Salle on Tuesday until the end of the third quarter, when they were only down by seven points. The Spartans, BVAL champions the last four years including this one, outscored the Gauchos by 20 points in the fourth quarter to win 75-48.

"We didn't play very well in that game," said Huber bluntly.

El Cerrito played its final BVAL game ever at home against Pinole Valley. The Gauchos went out to a 33-8 lead in the first quarter and never looked back.

Cougars

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for an upset to extend the season one more game.

Sanger, a 6-2 1/2 guard, led the team in scoring averaging 12.3 per game and adding 7.5 rebounds. He is the Cougars' go-to man on the floor and a team leader.

Gone

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No, the man I'd like to see coaching the Golden Bears next year, and the year after that, and for the next 50 years or so is ...

Todd Bozeman. Bockrath and Cal have a golden opportunity here. They can take a gamble, and if it works Cal will join a select few schools in the pantheon of college basketball teams.

By hiring Bozeman, Cal will have a minority coach at a school that has, well, a majority of minorities. But that is the least of Bozeman's qualifications.

Now, all bets are off if Cal goes in the tank and Bozeman coaches out the string this year without a win. But should Cal go 4-2, or even 3-3 in the next six games, I hope Bockrath decides to give the young guy a chance.

There's almost no way Bozeman can't improve Cal's record next year.

Recruiting for him should be a snap. If you were a high school player with a chance to play with Jason Kidd, wouldn't you take it?

And with the talent Cal has, it shouldn't be too hard for Bozeman to learn on the job.

Imagine Bozeman succeeds. In 10 years, he'll be 37 and will already have 200 wins. In 30, he'll have 600. By the time he retires at age 70, he'll have enough victories to make Dean Smith look like a piker.

And Cal will have a tradition barely paralleled in the world of sports. George Halas and the Chicago Bears, Red Auerbach and the Boston Celtics, John McGraw and the New York Giants, John Wooden and the UCLA Bruins, Todd Bozeman and the California Golden Bears.

And if it doesn't work out, if Bozeman doesn't take Cal to the promised land, Bockrath can always say, "We hired him because he was the man best qualified to give the athletes we had at the time a quality academic education. After all that's our first priority."

And then they can ax him and

find someone who knows how to win.

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Journey to the core of Russia

Kirillova takes you deeply into the heart of her subjects

Ariel Parkinson

For all the inevitable stereotypes of the Soviet Union — Evil Empire, Gulag, Anna in the Drawing Room, Raskolnikov Descending the Stairs, Julia Kirillova's project "Women Survive" is a brilliant corrective.

The project is a series of ceramic sculptures, one figure for each of the 15 republics of the ex-SSR. The regions and the figures are diverse; "Ritual Dancer" from Yakutia, an undeveloped area rich in minerals in the far east; "Nurturing Woman" from the fertile Ukraine; "Mermaid Woman" from progressive, independent Latvia.

"Ritual Dancer" is a dark, almost savage figure. The flat wide face in a crude dress is vertically oriented, as in a child's drawing, long, strong legs. She is a flat figure with two clappers. Stains of ashen vermilion glint on the surface of the clay oxide surface.

"Nurturing Woman" has the elegant, exaggerated pear shape of traditional milk jug of Ukraine, a fertility symbol. Her dress is a finely nuanced toning of deep tans scratched with a lattice of thin lines and set against the faded gray-brown of arms, head and feet.

The prostrate "Mermaid Woman" with her full drooping breasts is a city dweller. Belly pressed on one side of the central axis of the figure, buttocks on the other, sandalled feet, tight skirt, hair, glitter — from Latvia to Los Angeles she is the eternal coquette, rider of a million buses, waitress in a million cafes.

The factor that ties these works together is an unerring sense of herself, the plastic, permeable form that becomes rigid and vied in fire, essentially suitable vessels. Glazes are mineral oxides, special earths.

All Kirillova's figures are related to the ancient and persistent types of artifacts in clay. Surfaces and color evoke the lands in which they come. They are logically convincing.

A second common factor is the empathy, learning and wit with which she approaches her subjects. Mermaid, Yakutia, Gypsy Woman, her peasants and villagers from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldavia each embody and reflect specific sets of customs, habits, legends, situations.

Before printing, a major function of visual art was to tell a story, to convey information. These figures, with the brief, well-written comments, are deeply informative. Kirillova characterizes women as the "backbone of society, servants to kings, emotional springs, the brains, energy, child-bearers and feeders of the nation...."

An hour with her clay figures gives a bright, telling and articulated context to the photographs of tight-lipped shapeless people on balconies and podiums, or standing in long lines. You begin to know her subject matter. You begin to know a country and its earth.

This is a good show, and an important show. For the past 20 years almost every gallery offering of a contemporary artist has contained just one work. The work is divided into 10 pieces or 100 pieces. In concept and in spiritual expenditure it is one work.

In the circle of communication what goes in is what comes out, and the most devout attention — if it is also honest — cannot elicit any more. The exhibition is a walk-through.

But one primary function of art is discovery. The artist's involvement with his work — material and subject — is a means of moving deeply into some aspect of reality. He goes where he has never been before. If he is successful, he takes you with him. The process is recovered in the work.

Kirillova has journeyed into the central substance of each of her characters and found the appropriate formal means to render it. Her discoveries, her "expense of spirit" in 10 different and related figures in 10 different and related forms (the 15-work project is not yet complete) has made the little gallery at 5301 Broadway large and radiant. Viewing her sculpture is an experience, in art and life.

"Women Survive: Ceramic Sculptures by Julia Kirillova" is at the Art Store Gallery, 5301 Broadway, Oakland through March 12; phone: 658-2787.

Talks by Julia Kirillova are scheduled at the Art Store Gallery at noon on March 10, and at Turn of the Century Fine Arts, 2518 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, at noon on March 12.

Ariel Parkinson is a Berkeley-based painter and theater designer whose work has been the subject of exhibitions from California to Europe for the past 40 years. ■



Julia Kirillova with 'Nurturing Woman,' representing the Ukraine (1993)



Right: 'Mermaid Woman,' representing Latvia (1992); Left: 'Ritual Dancer,' representing Yakutia (1992). All three are clay with oxide glazes. (Photographs by Augusta Huggins Meyers)

East Bay Events This Week

Dance Series features three choreographers

The Bay Area Dance Series continues this weekend with works by three emerging choreographers—Andrea Yonny Lee, Catherine Sharpe and Pearl Ubun.

Lee will present *Warrior*, a piece based on the autobiography and poems of Assata Shakur, a woman who spent time in American prisons before escaping and finding refuge in Cuba. Sharpe presents her "play-theatre-tragicomedy" *Hard Sciences* to a score by Dred Scott.

Ubun will premiere *Social*, a collaboration with composer Randy. The piece "explores symmetry and improvisation among musicians and one dancer."

Lee will also premiere a new ensemble work, *Waltz for M*, to music of Miles Davis. It features teenagers from the Vietnamese Youth Development Center in San Francisco, who will dance in excerpts from Ubun's *Pinay*, a work about the struggles of Filipino immigrants.

Performances are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Laney College Theatre, 900 Fallon St. (at Ninth Street) in Oakland. Tickets are \$14 at the door (\$12 in advance), with discounts for seniors, children and Laney students. They can be bought at all FTM outlets (762-BASS). For more information, call 889-9500.

American Bach Soloists sing motets

American Bach Soloists will perform Bach's motets I, III and music by Lotti. Soloists are soprano Judith Nelson, alto Jennifer Muñoz, tenor Jeffrey Thomas and bass James Weaver. The concert is Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, Dana Point, Berkeley. Tickets are \$13 to \$18. Phone: 435-5235.



Perry Salt, left, Wafra Ribas, Diane Shields, Catherine Sharpe, Katie Moremen and (not pictured) Jessica Lutes will perform Sharpe's dance/play 'Hard Sciences' this weekend as part of the Bay Area Dance Series (see item at left).

OEB Symphony plays Ravel, Prokofiev

The Oakland East Bay Symphony and Clipper Erickson perform Ravel's Piano Concerto in G Major on Saturday. The rest of the program is Prokofiev's Symphony No. 7, de Falla's *Three-Cornered Hat* Suite No. 2 and Marco Beltrami's *La Città Decadente* (1991). The concert is at 8 p.m. at the Calvin Simmons Theatre in the Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center, 10 10th St., Oakland. Tickets are \$10 to \$35; call 465-6400 for reservations.

Storyteller at Museum of Children's Art

Joe ben Izzy, the *Traveling Storyteller*, appears Sunday at 10:30 at MOCHA, 560 Second St. (across from Cost Plus), Oakland. Admission is \$5 for kids; adults get in free. Phone: 465-8770.



Andrea Yonny Lee, left, and Awana-Nzingha Harris perform in the Bay Area Dance Series this weekend (see item this page).

East Bay Events This Week



Performance artist Grace Lin appears in 'Three Riddles' with the Augustino Dance Company this Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m. at Open Arts Circle, 530 E. Eighth St. (at Sixth Avenue), Oakland. 'Three Riddles' is based on the Chinese custom (seen in the opera 'Turandot') of discouraging unwanted suitors by giving them riddles. The dance company celebrates the diverse cultural roots and 'uprootedness' of American life. Tickets are \$9; call 524-6162 for reservations.

Oakland Ensemble Theatre presents 'Dark Cowgirls and Prairie Queens'

Oakland Ensemble Theatre presents *Dark Cowgirls and Prairie Queens*, written by Linda Parris-Bailey (who is also assistant director) and directed by Tom Bullard. The play dramatizes the lives of seven African-American women who trailblazed in the Old West between 1830 and 1890: "Black Mary," who drove stagecoaches; Grandma Biddy Mason, who walked from slavery in Mississippi to freedom in California; sculptor Edmonia "Wildfire" Lewis; and others.

The play opens tonight and runs Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., with matinees at 2 p.m. Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays, through March 7, at the Alice Arts Center, 1428 Alice St. (near 14th Street) in downtown Oakland. Tickets are \$11 to \$25; phone: 763-7774.

Kensington Symphony plays Dvorak, Kodaly, Leopold Mozart

Lloyd Elliott leads the Kensington Symphony in the overture to Beethoven's *Fidelio*, Leopold Mozart's Trumpet Concerto, Kodaly's *Marosszek Dances* and Dvorak's Symphony No. 8 in G Major. Dana Kemp plays the trumpet in the Mozart. There will also be a performance of a piece by the winner of the symphony's new composition competition, to be announced at the concert.

There are two performances: Friday at the Contra Costa College Performing Arts Center, in San Pablo, and Saturday at the First Unitarian Church, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington, both at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call 841-6801.

Latino performance art: Gerardo Navarro

Live From the Mexican Museum presents Gerardo Navarro and the Edge of the Word Ensemble in *The Urban Village of the Mind*. Navarro, a "border beat poet" active both in the United States and in Latin America, performs to music by Edge of the Word Ensemble.

The performances include "I Miss You," which uses a letter to conjure the memory of a lost lover through the metaphor of a woman too busy for romance, and "I Am a Man," which brings the male psychosexual being into a post-machismo experience.

The performances are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St. (at Live Oak Park), Berkeley. Admission is \$6. Call 644-6893 for more information.



The Aurora String Quartet, composed of members of the San Francisco Orchestra, plays Sunday at Berkeley's Maybeck Recital Hall, 1537 Euclid Ave. The program is Mozart's Quartet in B-Flat Major, K. 458; Schubert's Quartet No. 15 in G Major, Op. 161; and David Macbride's *Two Stories*, a work commissioned for the Aurora. The concert is at 4 p.m.; tickets are \$15. Call 848-3228 for reservations.

More events

Capturing America's hell-bent spirit

For Oakland Ballet, America is on the go—westward or somewhere.

By Renee Renouf

The Bay Area Dance Series (BADS) at Laney College kicked off Feb. 1 with the Talking Dance Project of the Ellen Webb Foun-

Dance

ation. The Talking Dance Project, which focuses on the work of a choreographer, this time featured an appearance of Washington-based Liz Lerman.

Talking Dance Project

Liz Lerman has evolved not only a multicultural but a multidimensional emphasis, unique for an American-based company within the U.S. professional performing dance arena.

Professional dance life in non-Western cultures usually goes on within the continuity of a cultural enclave, embracing the oldest to the toddler.

Lerman provides a cogent statement how the nuclear family model of industrialized nations truncates the emotional resources of adult as well as child, impoverishing the human wellspring and full experience of life's seasons.

When Lerman spoke of hunting for the senior citizen community, the conceptual grooves of modern social organization sprang up like barricades as perilous to humanity as coils of barbed wire.

Oakland Ballet

On Feb. 12 Oakland Ballet returned to the Paramount Theater for a three-performance run of two venerable pieces of dance theater plus a lithe ballet — to Luigi Boccherini's music — created by Betsy Erickson, former ballet mistress for the company.

The dance theater pieces were Eugene Loring's *Billy the Kid* (1938) and Willam Christensen's *Nothin' Doin' Bar* (1950) to Mil-



Ron Thiele is Pat Garrett in Oakland Ballet's revival of Eugene Loring's 'Billy the Kid.'

haud's *Le Boeuf sur le Toit*.

The latter ballet, a romp celebrating speakeasy sleaze, was set by Christensen himself, an alert, mellow man in his early 90s who was around to take a bow after the first performance.

Billy the Kid was set by Eugene Loring on Oakland with Patrice Whiteside as Billy's Mother and Sweetheart and David McNaughton as Billy. The company has had one or two subsequent *Billy's*, and Gregg Engle has taken over Ron Thiele's role as Pat Garrett.

Garrett was originally danced by the late Lew Christensen with Loring as Billy, when both were affiliated with Ballet Caravan in the last several years of the '30s.

The work remains gripping, and the Oakland dancers' performance combine earnestness, respect and pleasure. They convey texture and dimension and make one proud an American legend is translatable to the stage.

For prologue Loring employs an energetic frieze of human activity — a moving, struggling chain across the stage of pioneers,

ground-breakers and herders — repeated at the ballet's close.

He provided stylized promenades for the three dance hall girls, elegant floozies depicted by Cynthia Chin, Joy Gim and Natalia Fremin, with a slow-motion fight over one of them as provocation for the shooting death of Billy's mother. When Billy is later shot, the native women provide another frieze, that of an eternal Pieta.

Joral Schmalte is a convincing Billy, revealing distorted hunger, anger and the anguished psychology behind the restless young killer. Schmalte's last ride as Billy, his ritual disrobing and the dream pas de deux with Billy's sweetheart, danced with an aware and fated tenderness by Jill Taylor, were particularly poignant.

Gregg Engle as Pat Garrett made a perfect foil, the tall, lean American plainsman translated to the American Southwest. Michael Lowe now fits the many guises of Alias like a seamless flow.

There scarcely could be a stronger contrast in the American psyche or in thematic material

than the speakeasy atmosphere Christensen's *Nothin' Doin' Bar*.

Clearly a relic of Christensen's knowledge of night life in cities during the last gloomy days of vaudeville, the ballet gives an excellent glimpse of the American focus on fun, as through its own way as the all-out and struggle westward.

Both atmospheres have a recurrent of loneliness with the collective activity, but Christensen's aura is light-hearted with an urban cleverness.

Michael Lowe's portrait Weasel, with his coat from a ceasing kitsch for sale; Schmalte as Yo-Yo, the door (more a boy); Mario Alonzo Punchy; the Rich Couple of Thiele and Joy Gim — the flesh out the stock cast of characters who peopled that decadent, frenetic gaiety and excess was the law.

Back to back, the two have made an implicit statement of the hell-bent energy of America, heading single-mindedly in direction, whatever direction might be at the moment.

Prometheus Orchestra takes flight

By Rocky Leplin

As I entered the John Muir School for a Valentine's Day performance by the Prometheus Symphony Orchestra, I was struck with curiosity. Where was the audience? Musicians were everywhere, and I searched with mounting anxiety for someone dressed like me.

One of the benefits of attending free concerts is the mingle factor. Like their local competitors, the musicians of the Prometheus entertain no delusions of being too lofty to slum with their fans. Only where? — and then they arrived.

As I began pouring over Loren LeJeune's program notes, I realized with a stab of professional jealousy that they sparkled with such wit that it may not be in my interest to mention them.

The program's four pieces included two by composers neither of whom get even a footnote in D.J. Grout's epic *History of Western Music*, though they are far from unknown. These were Cimarosa, a composer of opera buffa, and Karl Goldmark, a Romantic intimate of Brahms — a fact that speaks volumes for Brahms' generosity.

The concert began with Cimarosa's overture to *The Secret Marriage* and ended with Goldmark's *Rustic Wedding Symphony*. In between were Faure's incidental music to *Pelleas et Melisande* and Tchaikovsky's overture-fantasy, *Romeo and Juliet*.

As the music ensued, I noted two traits of the amateur Orchestra. One is that the woodwinds are always pitch-perfect, and the other is that the violins couldn't agree on when to bow if their day jobs depended on it.

No matter: trait No. 3 is that, given inspired music, a collective spirit will well up from all but the feeblest of bands, overpower questionable technique and provide a performance so gripping that calling attention to inadequacies is not only mean-spirited, but downright annoying, and you won't find me doing it until we get to the Goldmark.

Cimarosa's vigorous overture is in the high classical tradition. The equal of Haydn's best scherzos, it suggests that if he hadn't concentrated on comic opera he might have been mentioned by Grout. Prometheus brought it to life with a dynamic performance.

(The complete opera will be

performed by the Berkeley Opera later this year.)

Faure's music for *Pelleas et Melisande* is of great subtlety. Its four movements are replete with lush harmonies and lyric melodies whose waters, occasionally turbid when flowing through the violins, were otherwise padded with tenderness and refinement.

Keith Sklower's oboe themes had that spicy sweetness that composers call upon time and again to awaken sleepers. Harpist Carla Gee and substitute flutist Reiko Kubota paired up for a sensitive rendition of Faure's best-loved theme.

Another famous theme is the highlight of Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet Overture*. I'm not bonkers over Tchaikovsky, but I must beg to differ with LeJeune's comment that some "enjoy wallowing in its shameless sentimentality."

On the contrary, this work washes sentimentality down a storm drain in a deluge of passion so strong that an unmoved heart badly needs a transplant.

Spinning out streams of 16th notes, Prometheus did more than pull off a wild ride; it put us in the dog sled and plunged into a

world of musical magic seemed to leave even the musicians stunned by their own performance.

George Thomson conducted the Faure with economical movements and poise, the Tchaikovsky with controlled fire. His best always precise.

At intermission, I sought violinist Edgar Braun to fill in on details. Braun himself conducts the San Francisco Chamber Orchestra.

Prometheus, he said, has been playing for over 30 years, sponsored by Merritt College. Thomson is a Ph.D. candidate at UC-Berkeley, plays both violin and viola, and, Braun added, regale you with the inside story on Tartini.

"You won't find a professional within a mile of this orchestra," said Braun, who devotes all his spare time to music. Thomson divulged the sort of inside story that Mike Wallace would have found if he had asked Braun: "If you heard the dress rehearsal you would have thought it was no hope." A stunning revelation considering the performance.

Finally — there was Goldmark, whom LeJeune described as "slightly bent, shabby and zoned, untalkative, timid, and glib in manner and truly terrible." But I see that I am out of space.

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Kids at Heart — The trio Golden Bough (Margie Butler, left, Julie Brown and Paul Espinoza) celebrate the release of their new album 'Kids at Heart' with an appearance at Berkeley's Light and Salvage, 1111 Addison, at 8:30 p.m. Friday. The concert features songs from the new album and from their previous albums. The group specializes in traditional Celtic tunes as well as their own compositions—aimed at listeners of all ages. Families are encouraged to attend together. The club's phone is 548-1761.

Musical about saving the salmon

Queen Salmon is a musical comedy about the true-to-life, heroic and comic efforts of people living in a remote California valley to save their salmon run from extinction. "Loggers and hippies, backpackers and cowboys, biologists and businessmen learn to overcome their differences and work together for this common cause." The comedy plays Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. this week and next, with 3 p.m. matinees on Sundays (Feb. 28, March 7) at the Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Tickets are \$8 to \$12; call 84-JULIA for tickets.

UC-Berkeley's Lawrence Moe plays the Spanish organ

The UC-Berkeley Department of Music presents the renowned organist (and longtime faculty member) **Lawrence Moe** in a program on the Spanish organ. He'll play music of Spain and Italy, featuring Frescobaldi. The free concert is at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary Chapel, at the top of Marin Avenue in Berkeley. For more information, call 642-4864.

New chamber ensemble debuts

The **Hesperian Ensemble** is a new chamber orchestra organized by conductors **Ruth Charloff** and **Michael Shahani**. It debuts at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Church of St. Joseph the Worker, 1640 Addison St., Berkeley. The program consists of the West Coast premiere of Peter Maxwell Davies' *First Fantasia on an 'In Nomine' of John Taverner*, Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 4 ("Italian"), Mozart's Symphony No. 36 ("Linz") and the overture to *Jule Styne's Gypsy*. Tickets: \$4 to \$6.

Two concerts of Jewish music from medieval Spain

Sephardic Songs of Medieval Spain

The San Francisco Early Music Society presents "Jewels of the Sephardim: Songs of Medieval Spain," with vocalist **Lauren Pomerantz**; **Shira Kammen**, vielle; **Kit Higginson**, recorder; and **Peter Maund**, percussion. Musical pictures of medieval Spain in the form of life-cycle celebrations, ballads, devotional and love songs. The concert is Saturday at 8 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, Durant and Dana, Berkeley, repeated Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at Calvary Presbyterian Church in San Francisco. Tickets are \$7 to \$14. Phone: 528-1725.

Ladino-Moroccan music at BRJCC

The Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center presents the group **Gerineldo** in a concert of Ladino-Moroccan music. Ethnomusicologist **Judith Cohen** and three Moroccan-born musicians sing Renaissance tunes from Morocco, Turkey, Greece and Egypt in the language of medieval Spain. The concert is Saturday at 8 p.m. at the center, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. Tickets are \$12 to \$15. There's also a matinee next Tuesday at 1 p.m. (tickets \$4 to \$6), with a children's concert that same afternoon at 4 p.m. (tickets \$1 to \$2). Phone: 848-0237.

Orlando de Lassus' St. Matthew Passion

MusicSources, the Center for Historically Informed Performance, presents the area premiere of the *St. Matthew Passion* by 16th-century composer Orlando de Lassus. **Paul Elliott** sings the Evangelist, **Paul Hillier** sings Christus. The **Theatre of Voices** ensemble joins them. Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Tickets are \$12 to \$15. For reservations, call 528-1685.

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By John McNulty

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Piemonte Ovest (3909 Grand Ave., Oakland; 601-0500) is named after a fertile province bordering the Italian Alps. Translated this means "foot of the mountain" and suits the restaurant's location at the base of the wooded East Bay hills. Piemonte Ovest is open for lunch on weekdays and serves dinner nightly (sorry, there is no brunch service as **WoM** reported recently.) Sports fans, even those not fanatical, may know that former 49er **Ronnie Lott** is co-owner here. Lott's partners are transplanted Australians **Jane** and **Raymond Hatch**. **Jane Hatch** is executive chef. **WoM's** favorite space at the restaurant is the tree-shaded garden patio with its outdoor fireplace. The restaurant serves Mediterranean cuisine with strong Italian influences.

New in Montclair is **Red Boy Pizza** (2060 Mountain Blvd., Montclair District; 339-3113), which opened earlier this month. Specializing in prize-winning pizza recipes, and popular in Marin, this is the restaurant's first East Bay outlet. They serve lunches and dinners.

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Soft lights, post-modern decor and light classical and modern jazz in the background create a warm atmosphere at **Filippo's** (500 College Ave., Oakland; 601-8646)—a little bit of North Beach in the Rockridge district of Oakland. Enjoy a Focaccia sandwich accompanied by espresso or premium beer or wine.

Whoops! Last week our **Word of Mouth** column led off with a perfectly befuddling comment about **Colors Cafe-Rotisserie** (5900 Hollis St., Emeryville, near Chalkers; parking; 655-7100). **WoM** should have read "No need to bring your own *Crayolas* to **Colors**" but it came out "*carryalls*." The wonders of unbridled spellcheck! **WoM** does recognize winning spit-roasted chicken, however. The fettucini with wild mushrooms is a winner here too. Breakfast, lunch, weekend brunch and dinner at **Colors**, where crayons are provided. Tastes in many colors too.

California Topless Pizza (3814 Piedmont Ave., Oakland; 450-0100, FAX 450-0101) owner **Geoff Deetz**, aglow after a series of very favorable critical reviews and a lot of all-important customer praise, just featured a pre-Lenten Cajun food week. Hope you didn't miss it!

Post Mardi Gras dining is still in style at **Topless Pizza**. It's a busy place. Customers range from families with kids, to nurses and doctors from nearby Kaiser Permanente, to seniors and youthful singles and daters. There are coffee specialties, luxurious salads, hearty chili and a lot more, including pizza to order or to self-top. It's a happening place.

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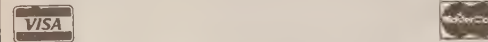
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105 Recreation Vehicles

8 FOOT overland camper. \$500. Moving, must sell. Carol, 415-928-8000, days or 523-4291, evenings.

Announcements

201 Announcements

BOY Scout uniforms. Clean out the closet and recycle them to help youngsters. Leave at The Montclairian office

FEARS? Learn how to be anxious now? Call 524-3775. Guaranteed

RENTAL. Space available for parties, meetings, etc. Most weekends and evenings. Camp Fire Headquarters. 10100 655-7388

204 Giveaway

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SIX year old cat. White/ gray tabby. Moving February 28, can't take him. 639-9659

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FREE to loving home: Playful 7 year old spayed female Doberman (uncropped). Needs yard. 482-1618

205 Lost & Found

FOUND: Cooker- Poodle, about 8 months old, black, female. Near Del Norte BART. 235-8036

FOUND: Female, lab mix, white spot forehead, 3-4 years. Harrison/ Bayo Vista. 444-6321

FOUND Female 12th vicinity Joaquin Miller Park black female Husky mix. Collar, no tags. 482-3501

LOST gray male tabby, medium length. Black collar, belt no tags. February 11th, Glenview. 531-6202

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\$425 ADAMS Point 1 bedroom, 385 Palm Ave. First floor, eat-in kitchen, new paint, drapes and carpet. Must See! Parking, laundry available. Manager #1A, 893-6536 or 531-6969

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\$650 OFF Piedmont Avenue, includes parking. Quiet secure building, near transportation, shopping. No pets. 428-4913.

\$650 SPACIOUS Spanish style 950 sq. ft., high ceilings, hardwood, closets garage 2552 Ivy 601-0234.

\$655 UTILITIES paid, Oakland Rose Garden, large eat-in kitchen, older building, con laundry Napa 658-8315.

\$655-675 NEW security building Microwave, dishwasher, garbage disposal, refrigerator, balcony, garage, laundry. Easy access to San Francisco, Berkeley, Walnut Creek. 125 Moss Ave. 547-4728.

\$665 SUNNY and spacious. Gorgeous older 7 unit building, Lake Merritt, China Hill 228 Altol. Quiet, windows, closets garage, storage, parking, garage available. Includes most utilities, cats okay, 531-0567.

\$665 VERY large 1 bedroom, plus, plus, homey building, great neighbors, utilities paid. Off Grand Ave. Barbara 834-4133.

\$675 DUPLEX. Large 1 bedroom with fireplace. Exceptional storage, good quiet Laurel neighborhood. 841-3276.

\$675 SPACIOUS 1 bedroom. Small 8-plex. Sparkling clean. Sunny Walk to Piedmont Ave., transportation. 428-1186.

\$685 SPANISH style classic large 1 bedroom, hardwood floors, all utilities included. 834-3110.

\$689 WONDERFUL large 1 bedroom, great storage, hardwood floors, separate dining. Beautiful Art Deco building. Easy commute to San Francisco, downtown Oakland. 635-8292 or 632-6887.

\$695-5760 CLASSIC 1920 Art Deco building. Large 1 bedroom, hardwood floors, central lined closets, high ceilings, formal dining room, private garden. Lake views, parking. Near transportation. Security building. 832-4782.

\$695 ONE bedroom near Rose Garden, garage, washer/dryer, 655-8159.

\$700-5825 MONTCLAIR/ Piedmont border 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, hardwood floors, 523-3903, 522-6460.

\$700 LARGE 1 bedroom duplex, very clean, hardwood floors, yard, Pet negotiable. 845-4161.

\$700 PIEDMONT Ave area, 1+ bedroom spacious flat, alarm, 254-9754.

\$700 SMALL 1 bedroom in 4-plex, 2 blocks from Piedmont Ave. Fireplace, garden, patio, washer/dryer. Available March 1. 549-0385.

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\$720 GORGEOUS, spacious, sunny, bay windows, formal dining. Near transportation, walking distance to financial district. Heat-gas included. 251-0511, 451-9256.

\$725 UPPER Grand 1 bedroom, living room, formal dining closet, garage, laundry, quiet fourplex. 482-0860.

\$735 LARGE, sunny 1 bedroom. Charming older building with hardwood floors, Levolors, off-street parking, laundry. All utilities paid. Grand Lake area. 743 Warfield (510) 832-1888.

\$740 SUNNY and spacious 1 bedroom plus den, with fireplace. Adams Point. Off-street parking, quiet well maintained building. 465-0245.

\$745 ROCKBRIDGE 1 bedroom near College and Broadway. Water/garage paid. 831-1206.

\$750 DEPOSIT: \$750 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Great location near Rockfume. Must see to appreciate! Available now. SLP 569-7881 Ext 177.

\$750 GRAND Lake area 1 bedroom, hardwood floors, garage, gas stove, yard. 832-5811.

\$750 MONTCLAIR Bay view, deck, one bedroom in-law. Share laundry, garage, utilities \$115 buys extra room. Non-smoker, no pets. 531-8451.

\$750 MONTCLAIR cozy in-law, wooded 1+ bedroom, deck, laundry, new wall to wall carpeting. 531-0923.

\$750 ONE bedroom near Holy Names. Private, secure in-law. Non-smoker, no pets. Share utilities. 530-4052.

\$750 ROCKBRIDGE sunny 1 bedroom in duplex. Quiet neighborhood near BART, shops. Utilities included. 658-9370.

\$775-875 EXTREMELY spacious and sunny 1 bedroom available in older Spanish style Rockridge building near BART and Market. Hall includes heat, parking. 547-7426, 450-0295.

\$775 BRIGHT, quiet, plush, modern secure building, balcony, parking, available immediately, near Piedmont Theater, 522-9383.

\$775 ROCKBRIDGE, spacious, sunny, quiet, Japanese garden, view, near transportation. Carport. No pets. 658-4136.

\$795 ENGLISH Tudor carriage house, 1 bedroom, very unique and attractive, near Lake, 393 Belmont. Non-smoker, no pets. 465-5320.

\$795 EXTRA large 1 bedroom in 1920's 4-plex. Private entrance, hardwood floors, formal dining, fireplace, kitchen- breakfast area, built-ins, garden, lawn, carport. Montecito Apartments. 832-4782.

\$795 TRESTLE Glen 4-plex, 1 bedroom, view, appliances, garden, near transportation, stores, cat/okay. 601-1656.

\$800 GLENVIEW duplex, one bedroom plus bonus room, large deck. Private, secure, transportation. Non-smoker. 530-3606.

\$800 ON the Lake, 900-1000 sq. ft., 1 bedroom flats, 1929 luxury Art Deco building. Hardwood floors, walk-in closets, steam heat included, cats okay. 451-9062.

\$800 ROCKBRIDGE large upstairs flat, fireplace, hardwood floors, laundry, garage, very special. Pets negotiable. 655-7942.

\$875 SUNNY upper flat large living room, formal dining with tiled gas buffet, kitchen/parking. 1+ bedroom, hardwood floors, elevators. New appliances, landscaped garden, off-street parking. No pets. No smokers. 839-0687.

\$800 GRAND Lake sunny, refurbished, 1 bedroom townhouse. Elegant dining, hardwood floors. Lake, parking. 843-9508.

\$915 PIEDMONT Border. Hardwood floors, yard, laundry. 482-5077.

\$925 STUNNING large view 1 bedroom apartment in 1920 luxury art deco building. Hardwood floors, separate dining and kitchen area. 14 foot ceilings, lots of light, walk-in closets. Cat okay. 451-9062.

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\$600 TWO bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs, newly decorated. Plus cleaning deposit. No pets. 632-1221.

\$635 TWO bedroom, dining room, modern, new, stacked washer/dryer space, parking, near downtown. 652-9115.

\$650 NEW owner. New management. 407 Fairmount. Parking available at \$32 per month. Secure Resident Manager. 547-1907.

\$650 NORTH Oakland 2 bedroom condo, parquet hardwood floors, small complex near BART. 547-8858.

\$650 TWO bedroom - 8475 One bedroom - Diamond District. Large living. Near BART. Near shopping. Parking. 531-2887.

\$650 TWO bedroom, laundry, apartment, dishwasher, storage, laundry, parking. #43832-B Homefinders. 549-6450.

\$665 SPACIOUS 2 bedroom, near Piedmont Rose Garden, above 980, very clean, parking, 654-3837.

\$670 TWO blocks from Piedmont Ave., includes parking, laundry, cable, 523-3912.

\$675 LAUREL 2 bedrooms on Maybelle Court and Clean Building. Dishwasher, deck, parking, laundry. 638-9990.

\$675 PARK Blvd 2 bedrooms large, sunny, hardwood floor, 4-plex. Laundry, garage, no pets. 835-9393.

\$675 SPACIOUS, attractive 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet, quality building. Deck, parking, new paint, new blinds. Water/garage included. 3701 Maybelle, near High above MacArthur. Open Saturday, 10-1, 843-5533.

\$695-5725 NEAR LESTER 2 bedroom, 1 bath, AEK, new carpet, gas heat, con laundry, parking included. Garden setting. One year lease. Call Kevin at 531-6969 for an appointment.

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\$695 LARGE 2 bedroom, upper Laurel District. AEK, carpets, drapes, sunny, modern duplex. 531-1412.

\$695 LARGE sunny 2 bedroom in Adams Point triplex. Laundry and off-street parking. 339-3714.

\$695 TWO bedrooms, 3604 Rhoda Ave. Garage, laundry, clean, quiet, near transportation. 796-9396 or 415-597-3888.

\$700 MONTCLAIR area, 2 bedroom in fourplex, unfurnished, carpets, drapes, refrigerator, disposal, stove, laundry. No pets. Available now. See owner first at 361 Somerset Rd. 531-1646.

\$700 SPACIOUS 2 bedroom with parking. Clean, quiet. Walk to Lake, Kaiser Center, downtown. 268-8303.

\$700 TWO bedroom apartment. Carpets, nice and clean, large walk-in closets, small patio in rear, off-street parking. Near BART. Water/garage paid. No pets. 428-0365.

\$700 TWO bedroom, fourplex, patio/garden, remodeled kitchen and bath, garage, laundry, carpet, storage. 547-3855.

\$700 TWO bedrooms, 2 bath, spaciouse, security, near Lake. Carpet and drapes. Part utilities. 763-5765.

\$705 TWO bedroom near Lake, remodeled kitchen, near shops. New carpet new paint. 3615 Grand. 415-221-8603.

\$715 SUNNY 2 bedroom, view, parking, eat-in kitchen, near Rose Garden. 515 Vernon. 339-8130.

\$720 ADAMS Point, 282 Park View Terrace 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Walk-to-wall carpet, con laundry, interior entry building, parking extra. Call Bart at 832-2354.

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\$725 QUIET, exceptionally clean apartment building with courtyard. Cable TV hook-up, laundry facility, near transportation, no pets. 245 17th St, Manager. 836-4502.

\$735 NEAR Piedmont, deck, sunny 2 bedroom, fireplace, balconies, laundry, parking available, cat/okay. 428-4962.

\$750 ADAMS Point, top floor, plush carpet, huge 2 bedrooms, 1100 sq. ft. Near bus, 1-560. 935-8063, 465-0391.

\$750 All utilities included. 527 59th Street near Telegraph. 4-plex, hardwood floors, parking. 655-4284.

\$750 FREE Rental. 2 weeks (qualified applicants). Just remodeled spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath, near Lake Merritt, laundry, off-street parking, 78 Fairmount Ave., 415-824-9399, 510-420-8856.

\$750 NEAR Grand, Piedmont, 989 Vermont Street, convenient, safe, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, parking, 532-3520.

\$750 NEAR Grand Lake Theatre, carpeted, Levolors. Large kitchen. Balcony, laundry facilities, cat/okay. 428-4962.

\$750 SUNNY Montclair 2 bedroom apartment, wall to wall carpeting, off-street parking, walking distance to Village, close to public transportation, 530-9473.

\$750 TWO bedroom, clean, new carpet, laundry, Diamond District, Section 8 okay, 2920 Georgia, 531-0581.

\$750 WHAT a view. Large 2 bedroom duplex in Oakland Hills. Water, garage paid. 6429 Outlook Avenue. SLP 569-7881 Ext 148.

\$765-5785 TWO bedroom, 2 bath, Adams Point, quiet well-kept building, parking, WMC 893-9376.

\$765 601 BROOKLYN 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Deck, dishwasher, off-street parking, con laundry. Call Tina at 839-7155.

\$775 DELUXE 2 bedroom, 366 Stanton Intercom entry, large rooms, dining area, built-in cabinet, lots of closets, sunny, balcony. Parking, laundry. Manager. 903, 444-4788.

\$775 SPACIOUS 2 bedroom, 1 bath, Oakland Hills, quiet setting. Laundry and garage. 482-5364.

\$775 TWO bedrooms, being remodeled, Mexican tile floors, huge yard. Call for details. 44-2698.

\$775 TWO bedrooms, 264 Lee St. Quiet, well maintained building. New carpets, drapes. Dining area, large closets. Intercom entry, elevator, laundry, parking included. Seniors welcome. Manager. 8201, 763-0749.

\$780 TWO bedroom, 2 bath, 1 block from Lake. Secure building. Deposit. No pets. 452-3255.

\$795 LAKE area, large, modern 2 bedroom, quiet, view, balcony, indoor parking, electric kitchen, laundry, parking. Second floor. 530-3846.

\$795 TWO bedroom, dining room, hardwood, fireplace, cable ready. Top floor. Park setting. Laundry. Garage available. Cat okay. 839-7353.

\$800 LARGE, 2 bedroom, 1-1/4 baths, dryer, auto. garage. Walk-to-wall carpeting, washer/dryer, automatic garage door, yard, water, garbage paid. 1 year lease. 3038 Harrison, Oakland. 283-1496.

\$800 PIEDMONT border condo, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, redecorated, view, parking, security building, easy freeway access, bus transportation. 652-1778, 420-0393.

\$820 TWO bedroom, 2 bath, near Lake. Garage, view, balcony, dining room, dishwasher, laundry. 530-5504.

\$825 INCREDIBLY spacious 2 bedroom apartment available in newly refurbished building, parking. 95 Linda Ave., Oakland. 420-8943.

\$825 LARGE 1200 sq. ft., 2 bath condo. Balcony near Piedmont Rose Garden. Secure. Parking. 547-1907.

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\$825 TWO bedroom apartment in older 3 unit Monterey Colonial building with hardwood floors, formal dining, laundry, garage, and yard. Partially wheelchair accessible. 510-482-3372, 415-868-1887.

\$825 TWO bedroom, 2 bath, 415 Lagunitas Ave. Sunny, spacious. Best North Lake location. 1 block to bus and shopping. Intercom entry, garage, laundry. Manager. #101, 763-8710.

\$825 UPPER unit, 4-plex, dining, eat-in kitchen, fireplace, garage, laundry hook-up, yard. 41st. Westside. 444-3094.

\$835 LARGE 2 bedroom, 2 bath, super location, near bus and freeway. 690 Mariposa. 547-0356.

\$835 NEAR Lake, quiet with view, near downtown. 2 baths, AEK, dishwasher. Security building, parking included. 839-8557.

\$845 SPACIOUS 2 bedroom, 2 bath, quiet, secure, deck, parking, laundry, Adams Point. 548-1519, 763-3187.

\$850 Howe St. off Piedmont Ave. 2 bedroom upper flat, parking, shops, transportation, lease. 510-658-2103.

\$850-5875 NEAR PIEDMONT 360 Monte Vista 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$875; with fireplace, balcony, garage, parking, dishwasher, laundry, saunas. 653-9613.

\$850 601 BROOKLYN 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Deck, dishwasher, off-street parking, coin laundry. Call Tina at 839-7155.

\$850 NEW Fourplex off Piedmont Ave. 2 bedrooms, second floor unit, covered off-street parking. 3501 Richmond Blvd. Centrally located. Plus deposit. 568-7655.

\$850 PIEDMONT 2 bedroom, spacious living room, laundry, dishwasher, parking. No pets. 415-888-7485.

\$850 ROCKBRIDGE, hardwood floors, large closets in charming older building. View, near transportation. 652-1252.

\$850 TWO bedroom apartment, sunny, light, hardwood floors, fireplace, dishwasher, entrance from landscaped courtyard. Parking included. 381 Adams St. 452-9507.

\$865 LUXURY 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Panoramic Lake View. Top floor, dishwasher, microwave, Cable, carpet, balcony, security and parking. 763-5899.

\$875 CHINA Hill beautiful, spacious 5 room, 2 bedroom, 2 baths, carpeting, draperies, all appliances, interesting view. Security building. No pets. 452-3245.

\$875 ROCKBRIDGE 2+ bedroom, upper flat, hardwood floors, Cavour/Claremont, #41859-B Homefinders, 549-6450.

\$875 TWO bedroom, 4715 Park Blvd., lower near No cats, dogs, or pets. \$1,000 deposit, wood floors. 835-4200.

\$895 GLENVIEW fourplex, 2 bedroom, view, appliances, garage, near transportation, stores, cat okay. 601-1656.

\$900 HUGE 2 bedroom, 1 bath, off Grand Ave. Casado owned with high ceilings, French doors, hardwood floors and ample molding throughout. Built-in cabinets, huge closets, laundry. Off-street parking. 339-3714.

\$900 LARGE flat in most desirable area, 2 bedroom, formal dining room, fireplace, country kitchen. Showing Sunday 1-4 p.m. Call 531-4554.

\$900 TWO bedroom condominium in lovely Tudor building in Adams Point. Laundry, fireplace, hardwood floors, 2 car parking. Available immediately. 832-6738.

\$905 CONDOMINIUM near Piedmont Cozy, architecturally exciting, privacy, deck, dishwasher. 473 Jean (Santa Clara). 268-4068.

\$905 LARGE, fireplace, dining area, extra closets, hardwood floors, deck, garage, storage. Near Lake. 6 months Sublet or new 1 year Lease. 763-6355.

\$920 TWO bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, dishwasher, fireplace, pool, sauna, security building. 500 Vernon Street. 252-1503.

\$920 TWO bedrooms penthouse. Near Lake. Gorgeous. Panoramic view. Fireplace. Exclusive, quiet, deck. Really private. Laundry, security, parking. 530-3846.

\$950 TWO bedroom, 2 bath condo on the top floor of a serene, secure, gated community in the Upper Laurel District. Overlooks wonderful Mediterranean landscaping, fountains, and lagoons. 2 private balconies, view, and every amenity including washer-dryer, and trash compactor, your own garage and extra storage, easy access to Freeway and buses. 428-1864.

\$975 SPACIOUS 2 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, hardwood floors, garage, view, 170 Perkins. 339-9720.

\$985 GLENVIEW spacious 2 bedroom, fireplace, hardwood floors, washer, dryer, off-street parking. 339-1265.

\$995 PIEDMONT Ave area on Monte Cresta 2 bedroom flat in new Brown Shingle. Dishwasher, parking, deck. 658-9990.

\$1000 PENTHOUSE Adams Point 2 bedroom, view, security building, laundry, parking, no pets. 893-7311.

\$1000 GLENVIEW Area Spacious 2 plus bedrooms, 2 baths, Yard, view, carpeted, laundry, pool. 482-1889.

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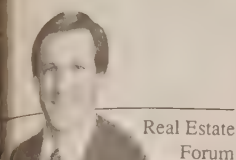
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Commercial markets see light at end of long, dark tunnel



Real Estate Forum

RICHARD KNUTSON

New secondary market created with CMBS's

As the "Great Credit Crunch" of 1989 to 1993 abates, a bruised and battered commercial real estate industry is looking to avoid a recurrence. The historic credit crunch has forever changed the way commercial financing works.

In the two decades since 1971, commercial real estate credit has grown every year, with an average increase of over 11.5 percent. Total outstanding debt finally turned south in 1991, slipping about 1 percent. The decline continued in '93, plunging another 3 percent to just over \$700 billion.

Since most commercial real estate financing is required to be repaid in three to 10 years, instead of the traditional 30-year term of home mortgages, the need to refinance commercial property is part and parcel to a healthy operation of the markets.

When lenders pull out of a market so quickly and completely as happened in '89, only a catastrophe of depression-era proportions could occur. And it did.

Investment values of virtually all product-types, from office buildings to warehouses, shopping

Liquidity...will flow into commercial real estate with the establishment of a secondary market via CMBS's.

centers to hotels, declined 10 to 50 percent. When the owners and developers couldn't pay mortgages or refinance them at payoff time, the banks took the properties into inventory known as "other real estate owned," or REO.

These assets were almost al-

ways worth less than the original loan amount, dragging down the banks' balance sheets along with the plummeting property values.

Commercial real estate markets are only now beginning to emerge from the long, dark tunnel. With losses expected to decline and

growth anticipated to return, timing for new financing vehicles is excellent. Enter the hottest new concept: commercial mortgage-backed securities.

Soon to be known as CMBS's, this investment vehicle will create a virtually new secondary market in commercial mortgages. In the

past, banks, pension funds and insurance companies have been the principal lenders for medium and large commercial real estate ventures. Most such institutions hold these loans in permanent inventory, as they tend to be large,

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Realtor president sees increase in sales in '93

A spark in sales activity during the last quarter of 1992 boosted California's existing, detached housing market, ending the year on an upbeat note, according to full-year figures from the California Association of Realtors.

"California's housing market received a welcomed boost from a post-election improvement in consumer confidence and a strength-

ened overall national economy," said CAR president Walt McDonald. He predicted a "modest recovery" this year, and said, "We still expect 1993 home sales to increase 2 percent compared to 1992."

Thirty percent of California households could afford to purchase a median-priced detached

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Realtor Profile

Name: Diane Ohlsson

Title: Realtor Associate, Nakamura Realty Co., Inc., Berkeley.

Address: Albany.

Hobbies: Travel, dance and Eastern philosophy.

Career Former career in psychology; entered real estate in 1975, specializes in sales of residential and income property in Albany, Berkeley and Oakland.

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—Compiled by Steve Miller

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unique and difficult to sell.
CMBS's will allow lenders to pool commercial mortgages, have the pool evaluated for risk and return, and then sell off the pools in small shares through stock brokerages, like other financial securities. This method of raising capital is known as commercial mortgage "securitization."
For several years, residential-backed securities have been successfully tapped for home mortgages, thus the home finance market enjoyed good liquidity, even through the recent recession. The same benefits of liquidity, diversification of risk, flexibility in raising capital and broadening the investor base will flow into commercial real estate with the establishment of a secondary market via CMBS's.
"But BMBS's must jump some formidable hurdles before enjoying widespread acceptance. The issue of standard underwriting is being addressed by efforts to conform commercial property loans to

a predetermined set of criteria
There are regulatory roadblocks to overcome, such as adequate risk-taking, so that passive investors won't suffer the losses incurred by REIT investors of the 1970's and early '80s. Finally, price volatility will have to be mitigated, usually by a practice called "over-collateralization," or an unusually low ratio between loan and the property's value.
The benefits to the commercial real estate industry, financial institutions and our local tax bases are substantial. Beyond bringing additional capital into a thirsty market and providing an attractive return for the small investor, the commercial mortgage-backed security could help us avoid another "Great Credit Crunch." Let's hope so.
Richard Knutson, CCIM, handles investment properties for a national commercial real estate brokerage in Oakland. Please address letters to: Hills Newspapers, Real Estate Desk, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland 94619.

Children's Network has helped millions

Realtors rally behind local fundraising effort

By Carol Isreal
Special to Hills Newspapers

Realtors have traditionally been the backbone of charitable fundraising in the community. Now, building your business is kid's stuff. At least, that's the natural benefit Realtors derive from supporting the Children's Miracle Network (CMN).
The children's Miracle Network was established in 1983 to generate funds and awareness programs for the benefit of children served by its associated hospitals. This outreach has provided needed care for over 5 million children during the last 10 years. In our community, Children's Hospital Oakland, as the primary beneficiary, is in the spotlight.
Between Los Angeles and Seattle, Children's Hospital Oakland offers the most extensive range of services for children from infancy to 20 years old. Doctors in 32 pediatric specialties treat children with all types of afflictions: cancer, heart and muscular diseases,

birth defects, cerebral palsy, cystic fibrosis, AIDS/HIV, and accident victims.
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In the meantime, you can your support: Volunteer, contribute time and donate. It's a step that really makes a difference and it isn't difficult at all!
Carol Isreal is a real agent with Re/Max East Group, Inc.

Homes...

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home during 1992, up from 25 percent the previous year. Assuming a 20 percent downpayment on the \$197,900 median-priced home, a household needed a minimum household income of \$56,060 to qualify for a home loan. The monthly mortgage payment for that home, including property taxes

and insurance, would be \$1,400.

National Sales

On the national level, low interest rates continued to coax buyers into the marketplace, pushing home resale activity up in 46 states during the fourth quarter of 1992, the National Association of Real-

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Many people like spiders in their homes, but covering the air vent in the furnace closet is not a good idea. You are hindering the ability of the furnace to perform at peak efficiency.

Forced air furnaces require a screened floor vent that provides fresh air from the crawl space. Gas furnaces depend on oxygen for proper operation.

The furnace closet also contains a gas vent that allows heat to escape from the enclosure to the outdoors where it dissipates through

the screened attic vents to the outside. Occasionally, attic insulation will accidentally shift and cover the ventilation screen. It should be regularly checked to make sure that it is uncovered and able to provide a free flow of air.

No one likes to see a spider lurking in the corner, but few people enjoy paying higher heating costs or the bill to repair or replace a furnace. To allow your furnace to work at peak efficiency and not to fail prematurely, keep the screened air vents in the furnace closet open to fresh air.

Ben Vitcov is president of Property Inspection Service.

Patricia Scott joins Pacific Union

Patricia Scott has joined Pacific Union Residential Brokerage of Montclair/Piedmont as a senior sales consultant specializing in residential properties.

Scott was formerly with The Grubb Co. in Montclair and has worked the Berkeley and Montclair/Piedmont areas since 1983.

A Bay Area resident for 11 years, Scott holds a bachelor's degree in fine arts from Humboldt State University.

She is a member of the National Association of Realtors, California Association of Realtors and the Oakland Association of Realtors.



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Neighbor's large, dangerous tree

Real Estate Editor:

We are on good terms with our uphill neighbors and don't want to change that by suggesting that they remove the huge pine tree in their backyard, which year-round covers the neighborhood roofs, gutters, drains, yards, gardens, sidewalks, streets and autos with windblown, falling needles.

However, we are every concerned that when the tree falls from its precarious hilltop perch due to old age and/or high winds or a quake, it will probably crush our utility lines, cars, house and possibly our lives.

Can you tell us the legal responsibilities of the tree's owner for damage resulting from such "an act of God," and whether a registered letter to the tree owner from us, requesting the tree be removed, would be of any legal value in placing the responsibility on the owner?

We realize that such a letter might have the beneficial effect of calling the neighbor's attention to

a nuisance and a serious hazard and result in the tree's removal. But, unless such a letter would serve a legal function, we would not risk sending it and probably causing a relationship rift to no avail.

Please don't skirt answering the specific questions by suggesting a friendly chat with the neighbor about the situation. Thank you.

Name withheld by request

Piedmont

If the tree falls down on your land, your neighbor will probably be responsible for creating a nuisance and probably for negligence also, particularly if the neighbor has been warned of the danger.

If the threat to health is serious now, you may be able to have the nuisance abated. Write that letter. It will clearly place the liability on your neighbor. More importantly, it may get your neighbor to remove the tree, and with it the obvious threat you feel to life and limb—pardon the pun.

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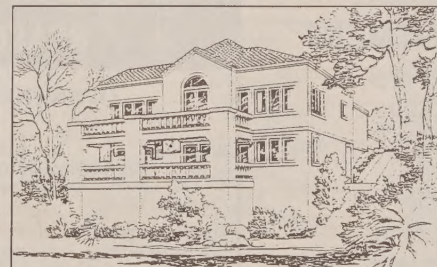
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'Firestorm' television movie revisited: questions remain

Film was a 'dog,' most viewers and critics agree

I watched the ABC Sunday Night Special Movie, "Firestorm: 12 hours in Oakland" with special interest: I'm an Oakland native, I was living in Alameda County when the fire hit, I'm employed by

a local construction firm and write a home maintenance column.

The movie was labelled "a real dog" by Montclair writer Cheryl Bealer, and I tend to agree with that assessment. Points I would like to address, however, are those not covered in other reviews of the film.

This review begins, more or less, where Ms. Bealer's ended, with her remark, "All the fire survivors can do is wait, and hope

that some ward-winning documentary filmmaker wanders into the hills and finally tells what happened on October 21, 1991."

My central disappointment with "Firestorm" was that the producer walked too fine a line between a documentary and a drama. Viewers got a little of both, but not enough of one or the other to label the film as such.

Even the talent of well-known big screen actress Jill Clayburgh and the commendable acting of Michael Gross and Le Var Burton couldn't smooth the rough edges, like the cuts from scene to scene with mismatching textures that were as obvious as the difference between video and film.

Set locations were flawed also, some showing green grass already beginning to return. Another major flaw was the changes in the story from what actually happened.

One of the most demoralizing statements in the movie (which I hope is NOT the view of the Oakland Fire Department) occurs during a scene after the fire has been declared contained. The newly-appointed fire chief, played by Le Var Burton, says "nothing could have been done on Saturday that would have prevented the fire from raging out of control on Sunday."

If this is true, it isn't good enough. We have to be willing to fund advances in fire fighting technology. Perhaps the on-going investigation will reveal that the correct effort was not applied to the fire on Saturday.

Weather conditions forecast for Sunday spelled a high fire danger day: high winds, low humidity and hot weather. This fact was even brought out in the TV drama. Knowing this, one wonders why steps weren't taken to be sure the

Saturday fire was dead, buried, and killed once more for good measure.

Of course, this was not the case, no matter what the film's producers tried to portray. History has already been written. While we can't go back to Sunday, Oct. 21, 1991, we can attempt to learn what went wrong, and better prepare for more hot, windy days that are certain to come to Oakland.

When communication between emergency agencies breaks down, loss of control — and possibly loss of life — follows. Is this question being sufficiently addressed, and the necessary equipment being acquired?

If a fire burns with heat sufficient to turn water from a fire hose into steam before it hits its target, what will be used as a backup? If chemicals are to be used, are they stockpiled and ready to use at a moment's notice?

We live on active fault lines, the San Andreas and the Hayward. Major quakes on either could sever gas lines and ignite a string of fires in several communities. In such a disaster, could Bay Area emergency crews respond with any reasonable expectation that widespread destruction could be averted?



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While a difficult question to answer, one thing is certain: advanced planning is critical if we hope to minimize loss of property and life in such a scenario.

In the wake of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, it was the fires that caused the most damage, not the movement of the earth. Are we taking the necessary steps to prepare ourselves for future occurrences?

Please write to me with your opinions on the subject. We'll run your comments in a future column.

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Rebuilding Permits

Property owners at the following burn area sites have applied for administrative building bulk reviews, zoning permits and variances. The public may review and comment on these plans at the Community Restoration Development Center, 5354 Claremont Ave. Call 238-6000 for additional information.

Now under consideration are:

• 4951 Proctor Ave.: Minor conditional use permit to construct a single-family residence with a retaining wall 20 feet in length, 3 feet to 10 feet in height (6 feet allowed).

• 100 Alpine Ter.: Bulk review to construct a 3,241-square-foot single-family residence, and minor conditional use permit to construct a wall along the driveway of 2 feet to 8 feet in height.

• 261 Sheridan Rd.: Minor variance to construct a single-family residence on an uphill lot with a height of 20 feet within 20 feet of the front property line (24 feet required).

Decisions on these requests will be made by CRDC staff after Feb. 25.

• 5009 and 5015 Proctor Ave.: Bulk review to construct a 4,648-square-foot single-family residence.

A decision on this request will be made by CRDC staff after Feb. 23.

• 6160 Acacia Ave.: Bulk review to construct a 5,617-square-foot single-family residence, and administrative review to construct a retaining wall 8 feet tall at points along the east side of the property line.

• 6140 Buena Vista Ave.: Minor conditional use permit to build a fence with a maximum height of 9 feet (8 feet permitted).

• 11 Neva Court: Bulk review to construct a 4,409-square-foot residence, and variance for a front yard setback of 16 feet (20 feet required).

• 5912 Buena Vista Ave.: Bulk review to construct a 4,108-square-foot residence.

• 56 Sheridan Rd.: Bulk review to construct a 3,384-square-foot residence.

• 105 Vicente Rd.: Bulk review to construct a 2,970-square-foot

residence and minor conditional use permit to allow a 12 foot long and 14 feet, 7 inches high retaining wall in the side yard, and a 28 foot long and maximum 8 feet, 8 inches high retaining wall in the side yard, and administrative review of retaining walls, to be of masonry construction with metal railings: 111 foot long wall, minimum height 0 feet, maximum height 10 feet, 6 inches, in the rear yard parallel to the creek; 12 foot long wall, minimum height 13 feet, maximum height 14 feet, 7 inches, in the side yard; 28 foot long wall, minimum height 5 feet, 8 inches, maximum height 8 feet 8 inches, in the side yard.

• 5900 Pinewood Rd.: Bulk review to construct a 3,235-square-foot residence, and minor variance to permit a maximum building height of 37.5 feet (30 feet allowed).

• 165 Taurus Ave.: Bulk review to construct a 3,468-square-foot residence.

Decisions on these requests will be made by CRDC staff after Feb. 25.

• 5308 Golden Gate Ave.: Bulk review to construct a 3,451-square-foot single-family residence, and retaining wall review for an 8 foot wall.

• 6250 Acacia Ave.: Bulk review to construct a 3,118-square-foot single-family residence, and minor variance to have a 2 foot front yard (5 foot minimum), a 15 foot rear yard (20 foot minimum), an 8 foot retaining wall in the front yard (6 foot allowed) and a building height of 35 feet in the front (24 feet allowed).

• 6051 Fairlane Dr.: Bulk review to construct a 3,197-square-foot single-family residence, and minor conditional use permit to construct a 700-square-foot secondary unit.

• 11050 Broadway Terrace: Minor variance to construct a single-family residence with a 10 foot rear yard setback (20 foot minimum) and a 6 foot rear yard setback at the veranda (14 foot minimum).

Decisions on these requests will be made by CRDC staff after Feb. 16.

• 269 Mandalay Rd.: Bulk review to construct a 3,110-square-foot single-family residence, and minor variance to construct the residence 10 feet

from the rear property line (20 foot minimum) and 17 feet from the front property line (20 foot minimum).

• 5 Dorothy Place: Minor conditional use permit to replace a second unit which existed prior to the fire.

• 11 Drury Lane (Lot 2): Bulk review to construct a 2,874-square-foot single family residence.

Decisions on these requests will be made by CRDC staff after Feb. 5.

• 28 Contra Costa Place: Minor variance to construct a single-family residence with a rear yard setback of 23 feet, 8 inches (37 feet, 8 inches minimum).

• 5940 Monzal Ave.: Bulk review to construct a 3,084-square-foot single-family residence.

Decisions on these requests will be made by CRDC staff after Jan. 25.

• 10083 Broadway Terrace: Bulk review to construct a 3,329-square-foot single-family residence and a minor conditional use permit to construct within 20 feet of the rear property line (40 feet minimum).

• 6055 Fairlane Dr.: Minor conditional use permit for a second kitchen for a close relative.

• 854 Leo Way: Minor variance for a 15-foot front yard (20 foot minimum).

Decisions on these requests will be made by CRDC staff after Feb. 15.

• Caldecott Lane permit for residences condominium tentative tract map.

• 6155 Ocean View: Minor variance to construct a single-family residence with a 10 foot rear yard setback (20 feet minimum).

• 188 Gravatt Dr.: Bulk review to construct a single-family residence consisting of 4,655 square feet. Minor variance to a garage 2 feet from the property line with an overhang of the property line (5 foot setback required).

• 6945 Bristol Way: Minor variance to enclose an existing parking pad to create a garage at the front and side property lines (foot setback required).

• 10015 Broadway Terrace: Bulk review to construct a single-family residence consisting of 2,505 total square feet.



Your Weekend Guide to Open Home Listings



OAKLAND Open Saturday 2-4:30 pm

4500 Clarewood Dr.	Townhouse	3bd/2ba	\$279,000
The GRUBB Co., Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400			
5335 Broadway Ter.	Condo	2bd/2ba	\$205,000
The GRUBB Co., Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400			
3760 39th Ave.	Laurel new const.	2bd/2 1/2ba	\$175,000+
Wells & Bennett, Susie Lipps 482-8602			
1014 McKinley	China Hill	3bd/1ba	\$169,000
Art Realty, Arthur Weil 465-4805			

OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

40 Lane Ct.	Views, Level	4bd/4 1/2ba	\$795,000
Grubb & Ellis, Pat Cheonis 943-5126			
79 Roble Rd.	Claremont	4bd/3ba	\$775,000
Pacific Union, Lindsey Murray/Claudia Ellinghaus 339-6460			
5101 Masonic	Rockridge	4bd/3ba Pool	\$765,000
Better Homes, Jeanette Roach 547-1760			
1295 Sunnyhills	Crocker Highlands	4bd/3ba Style	\$679,000
Coldwell Banker, Evelyn Walker 339-1174			
7535 Claremont Ave.	Claremont, 1 acre	5+bd/3ba Private!	\$650,000
J. T. Ward, Ellen Soriano 845-6021 Ext.224 OPEN 2-4			
5575 Fernhoff Rd.	Montclair	3bd/2ba	\$569,000
The GRUBB Co., Donald Woolhouse 339-0400			
35 Weybridge Ct.	Montclair	4bd/3ba	\$569,000
The GRUBB Co., Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400			
13506 Campus Drive	Ridgemont	4bd/2+ba	\$559,000
Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460			
35 Marr Ave.	Montclair	4bd/3ba	\$549,000
Pacific Union, Suzanne Linford 339-6460			
12225 Blythen	Hillcrest	4bd/3ba Privacy	\$540,000
Mason-McDuffie, G. Howard 339-9290			
1375 Sunnyhills	Traditional	4+bd/2ba Patio	\$525,000
Coldwell Banker, Kathy Cooper 339-1174			
16 Treasure Hill	Hillcrest Highlands	New 3bd Bay View	\$500,000
Coldwell Banker, Norm Robinow 339-1174			
5750 Chelton Dr.	Piedmont Pines	3bd/3 1/2ba	\$499,000
The GRUBB Co., Susan Veit 339-0400			
1601 Mountain Bl.	Montclair	3bd/2ba	\$498,500
The GRUBB Co., Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400			
859 Calmar	Crocker Highlands	4+bd/3 1/2ba Dbl.Lot	\$489,000
Better Homes, Jeanette Roach 547-1760			
6207 Ridgemont	Ridgemont Exec.	4bd/3ba Spacious	\$489,000
Mason-McDuffie, E. Richardson 339-8888			
6110 Ridgemont Dr.	Ridgemont	4bd/3bd Just Listed	\$489,000
Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174			
6193 Ridgemont Dr.	Ridgemont	4bd/3bd Great Value!	\$485,000
Wells & Bennett, Chris Christensen 530-8412			
1987 Drake Dr.	Montclair	3bd/2 1/2 Pano View	\$479,000
Better Homes, Carolyn Hartley 339-4000			
1142 Sunnyhills	Crocker Highlands	3bd/2ba 1st Open!	\$469,000
Mason-McDuffie, M. Dresser 339-9290			
5661 Chappell Pl.	Hillcrest 1+acre	4+bd New Listing!	\$459,000
Wells & Bennett, Noll Davis 531-9536			
39 Bowles Place	Crocker Highlands	3bd/2ba	\$459,000
Mason-McDuffie, Tom Canterbury 447-0474			
13762 Campus Dr.	Ridgemont	Elegant, Level Lot	\$459,000
Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174			
983 Park Lane	Crocker Highlands	4bd/3+ba Charm	\$449,500
Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymmer 339-1174			
4068 Lincoln Ave.	Lincoln Heights	4bd/2 1/2ba Tudor	\$449,000
Better Homes, Rod Andrade 339-4000			
134 Sheridan	Rockridge	New 3bd/2 1/2ba	\$449,000
Mason-McDuffie, B. Mele 339-9290			
7180 Thorndale	Montclair	3bd/2+ba 1st Open!	\$439,000
Mason-McDuffie, G. Boomer 339-9290			
5814 LaSalle	Montclair	w/Possible In-law	\$419,000
Wells & Bennett, Donna Ranslem 547-6961			
815 Trestle Glen	Trestle Glen	4+bd/3ba	\$399,888
The GRUBB Co., Judy Cain 339-0400			
1817 Carter	Upper Oakmore	4bd + Rumpus	\$395,000
Better Homes, Carol Cohen 531-4218			
4910 Stoneridge Ct.	Ridgemont	3bd/2 1/2ba	\$389,000
Jack Litzelsner 633-0468			
6025 Bruns Ct.	Montclair	3bd/2ba	\$379,000
The GRUBB Co., Anian Pettit Tunney 339-0400			
11205 Golf Links Rd.	Sequoiah Hts.	4bd/2 1/2ba Private	\$374,500
Coldwell Banker, Nancy Dickey 339-1174			
11 Ascot Place	Piedmont Pines	3+bd/2 1/2ba Ranch	\$362,000
Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymmer 339-1174			
6645 Gunn Drive	Montclair	3bd/2 1/2ba Light!	\$349,900
Better Homes, Ed Lindorfer 531-8401			
5891 Morpeth St.	Upper Rockridge	3bd/2ba	\$349,000
Pacific Union, Chuck Corwin 339-6460			
4973 Harbord	Upper Rockridge	6bd/2ba	\$349,000
Pacific Union, Howard Rodkin 339-6460			
38 Kingwood Rd.	Montclair	3bd/2+ba	\$344,500
The GRUBB Co., Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400			
6416 Heather Ridge Way	Montclair	Split level	\$339,000
Wells & Bennett, Vicky Faulk 533-2950			
5070 Kearney Ave.	Traditional	4bd/2b 2 Story	\$339,000
Coldwell Banker, Adriana Giacomelli 339-1174			
5352 Hilltop Ck.	Rockridge	3+bd/3ba	\$335,000
Mason-McDuffie, N. Chew 339-8787			

2995 Burdeck	Joaquin Miller	3+bd/3ba Location!	\$335,000
Better Homes, Helen Buty 658-6499			
6111 Broadway Terr.	Rockridge	3+bd/1+ba	\$329,000
Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460			
3874 Fairway Ave.	Sequoiah Hills	3+bd/3 1/4+acre	\$325,000
Better Homes, Gary Sponsel 886-9472 OPEN 1-4			
8097 Greenridge	Oak Knoll	Duplex	\$315,000
Pacific Union, Charlene Claybaugh 339-6460			
10362 Greenview Dr.	Chabot Highlands	3bd on 1/2 acre	\$315,000
Coldwell Banker, Kevin McMullen 339-1174			
7250 Woodrow Dr.	Montclair	3bd/3ba	\$310,000
The GRUBB Co., Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400			
4241 Edge Drive	Oakmore	3 bedroom	\$309,000
The GRUBB Co., Linda E. McClain 339-0400			
6921 Saroni Dr.	Montclair	3bd/2ba	\$307,000
Pacific Union, Roselle Woods 339-6460			
5638 Thornhill Dr.	Montclair	4bd/3ba	\$299,000
Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460			
4029 Oakmore Road	Oakmore	3bd/1 1/2ba	\$299,000
The GRUBB Co., Karen Starr 339-0400			
289 Crestmont Dr.	Crestmont	3bd/2 1/2 Family Rm	\$299,000
Help-U-Sell 482-8100			
3700 Balfour	Crocker Highlands	3bd Reduced!	\$298,000
Better Homes, Dell M. Orr 339-8559			
4230 St. Andrews	Sequoiah	2+bd/1ba Spanish	\$295,000
Better Homes, Jennie Lippincott 339-4000			
43 Ramona Ave.	Montclair	3bd/2ba	\$289,000
The GRUBB Co., Marilyn Watson 339-0400			
127 Mandalay	Upper Rockridge	2bd/1ba Move-In!	\$289,000
Mason-McDuffie, V. Landes 339-9290			
4109 Coolidge	Lincoln Heights	3+bd/2 1/2 Views	\$285,000
Mason-McDuffie, A. Ng 339-9290			
26 Abbott Drive	Montclair Cutie	2+bd/1 1/2 Privacy	\$280,000
Coldwell Banker, Terry Kulka 339-1174			
4101 Lyman	Oakmore	3+bd/2b Location!	\$279,000
Mason-McDuffie, H. Converse 339-8888			
5208 Golden Gate	Upper Rockridge	2bd Just Listed!	\$275,000
Coldwell Banker, Jo-Anne Boisvert 339-1174			
5800 Pinewood	Montclair	3bd/2ba All Level	\$274,000
Mason-McDuffie, G. Millirons 339-9290			
8016 Shepherd Canyon	Woodsy Montclair	3bd/2ba w/AuPair	\$269,500
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, R. Thomas 834-8120			
6269 Westover	Montclair Chalet	3bd/2ba Woodsy	\$269,500
Wells & Bennett, Wendy Callaghan 839-9197			
6901 Balsam Way	Montclair	1bd/1ba	\$265,000
Mason-McDuffie, J. Alford 339-8888			
4493 Montgomery	Townhouse	2bd/2 1/2 Bay View	\$265,000
Mason-McDuffie, P. Cornford 339-8888			
4019 La Cresta	Glenview	3bd Traditional	\$260,000
Better Homes, Carol Cohen 531-4218			
6950 Sayre Drive	Montclair	3bd/2ba	\$259,000
Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460			
639 Jean St.	Grand Lake	2+bd/1+ba	\$259,000
Pacific Union, Melanie Powers 339-6460			
4627 Dolores Ave.	Bungalow	3 bedroom	\$259,000
The GRUBB Co., Sally Morrison 339-0400			
4351 Whittle Ave.	Hill Area Fixer	3bd/2ba Hideaway	\$255,000
Better Homes, Harriet Schoen 531-2437			
3481 Margarita	Oak Knoll	3bd/2 1/2ba Move-In!	\$255,000
Wells & Bennett, Marianne Jamison 655-9615			
5340 Broadway Ter.#309	Townhouse	2bd/2ba	\$249,000
Mason-McDuffie, R. Thomas 339-9290			
3488 Margarita	Oak Knoll Reduced	3bd/2ba Charm	\$245,000
Wells & Bennett, Marianne Jamison 655-9615			
446 66th St.	Sequoiah 2 Story	3bd w/Skylights	\$232,000
Coldwell Banker, Adriana Giacomelli 339-1174			
5464 Locksley	Rockridge	2bd/1ba	\$230,000
Mason-McDuffie, B. Dix 339-9290			
3975 Loma Vista	Laurel	2+bd/1 1/2ba	\$229,000
Mason-McDuffie, M. Bauer 339-9290			
3503 Kansas Ave.	Craftsman	3bd w/in.	\$219,500
Nakamura 848-2724, Ted Tagami 649-9006 OPEN 1-5			
132 Frisbie St.	Oakland	3bd/1ba	\$219,000
Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460			
3945 Canon Ave.	Glenview	2+bd/1ba Clean!	\$215,500
Atkinson & Gallinatti, Claire Johnson 530-7118			
3275 Arizona	Mormon Temple	2bd Bungalow	\$214,500
Wells & Bennett, Holda Hirschbert 531-6118			
3730 Wisconsin	Laurel	3bd/1ba	\$209,000
Red Oak Realty, Sara Garabedian 527-3387 Ext.105 OPEN 2-4			
5374 Manila Ave.	Rockridge	2bd/1ba	\$205,000
Pacific Union, Don Coelho 339-6460			
206 Marlow Dr.	Sheffield Village	2bd/1ba	\$203,000
Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460			
3621 Lincoln	Mormon Temple	2bd/1ba	\$199,000
Better Homes, Elaine Jones 339-4000			
384 43rd St.	Temescal	2bd/1ba Updated	\$188,500
Mason-McDuffie, M. Wright 339-9290			